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## Amir arrives amid Arab call for action

Nam draft mirrors splits; Khaddafi has a plan

**BEIRUT, Sept 3, (Agencies):** H.H. the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah arrived here today to attend the ninth non-aligned summit conference scheduled to open tomorrow.

The Amir was greeted at the airport by a member of the Yugoslav presidency council, Reda Sabonji and senior government officials.

The Amir told the Yugoslav television on arrival that he was happy to attend the Non-aligned Movement (Nam) summit.

He said: "The debt problem concerns all Third World countries and we hope to reach a solution to that problem."

The Amir is accompanied by Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed, and Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Suiaiman Majid Al Shaheen.

Yugoslav Foreign Minister Budimir Loncar welcomed the participation of the Amir at the summit.

In a statement to Kuwaiti newspaper Al Rai Al Aam, Loncar said: "Yugoslavia is pleased with His Highness the Amir of Kuwait's participation and his effective contribution to the conference due to his positive role in supporting Arab and international issues."

The Yugoslav official said due attention will be given to the proposal of the Amir on scrapping interests of Third World countries' debts.

### Sidelights

**India:** Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today departed for Yugoslavia for the ninth non-aligned summit. He is expected to be "much more active now" to deal with the fluid positions of the superpowers, officials and reports said.

Officials said Rajiv left from a well-guarded annex of New Delhi airport aboard a special plane, and that he was scheduled to return on Friday.

They said upon arrival in Belgrade Rajiv would chair a meeting of the Africa Fund, an organization which has substantial Indian backing in its aim to reduce the economic dependence on South Africa of several black African nations.

The Indian leader would brief leaders of the 103 non-aligned nations of the progress of the fund, and give an address at the summit on the overall direction of the Non-aligned Movement, of which India is a leading member, they said. (UPI)

**Drugs:** Non-aligned nations have condemned drug trafficking as a curse and declared that its eradication must be the shared responsibility of all governments.

Latin American diplomats said today that Colombia, a major cocaine producer, had obtained the moral support of the Non-Aligned Movement in its war against drug barons.

The stand on drugs included at Colombia's initiative, is contained in the draft of a declaration to be made at the end of the non-aligned summit. (Reuters)

**Gorbachev:** Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in a message to non-aligned countries, today urged negotiated settlements of international conflicts in a world without nuclear weapons and violence, the official news agency Tass said.

"We are ready for co-operation with all, wishing it, in building a world that would be free from nuclear weapons, from foreign military bases and from the military blocs, a world in which the use of armed or any other violence in international relations would be ruled out," Gorbachev said in a letter to Janes Drnovsek, chairman of the ninth non-aligned summit conference.

The Soviet leader said the most important tasks confronting the world today are disarmament, strengthening understanding between countries, and resolving international disputes through negotiation. (UPI)

**Castro:** Cuban President Fidel Castro, a four-time Non-Aligned Movement, will not attend this week's non-aligned summit in Belgrade, a Cuban embassy spokesman said today.

His brother, Vice-President Raul Castro, will head the Cuban delegation to the four-day meeting.

The Amir proposal is both positive and constructive and is highly supported because it helps Third World nations to pursue development projects. Loncar said.

Meanwhile, three Arab leaders today demanded that the Nam update and modernise itself in order to efficiently handle burning international issues, on top of which are the Iraq-Iran conflict, the Palestinian question and the Lebanese crisis.

The three leaders were King Hussein of Jordan, Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Khaddafi and the Palestinian President Yasser Arafat.

The Jordanian monarch indicated, in an arrival statement, that the 103-member movement should introduce new initiatives to tackle the Iraqi-Iranian conflict on the basis of mutual respect and non-interference.

King Hussein, moreover, called on the movement to give strong support to the Palestinian cause and the struggle of the Palestinian people to enable it obtain its legitimate national rights and establish its independent state.

He described the situation in Lebanon as "tragic" and called for a quick end to "this bloodshed."

Arafat demanded that the movement return to its principles set during the first non-aligned conference which was held in 1955.

He recalled the roles of Nam's founders former Egyptian president Jamal Abdul Nasser, former Indian prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the late Yugoslav president Josip Tito. He appealed to the present leaders of the movement to follow the steps of the founders to "confront the historic moments the movement is facing."

Khaddafi said today he had new ideas to save the Non-aligned Movement and would defend them by force if necessary.

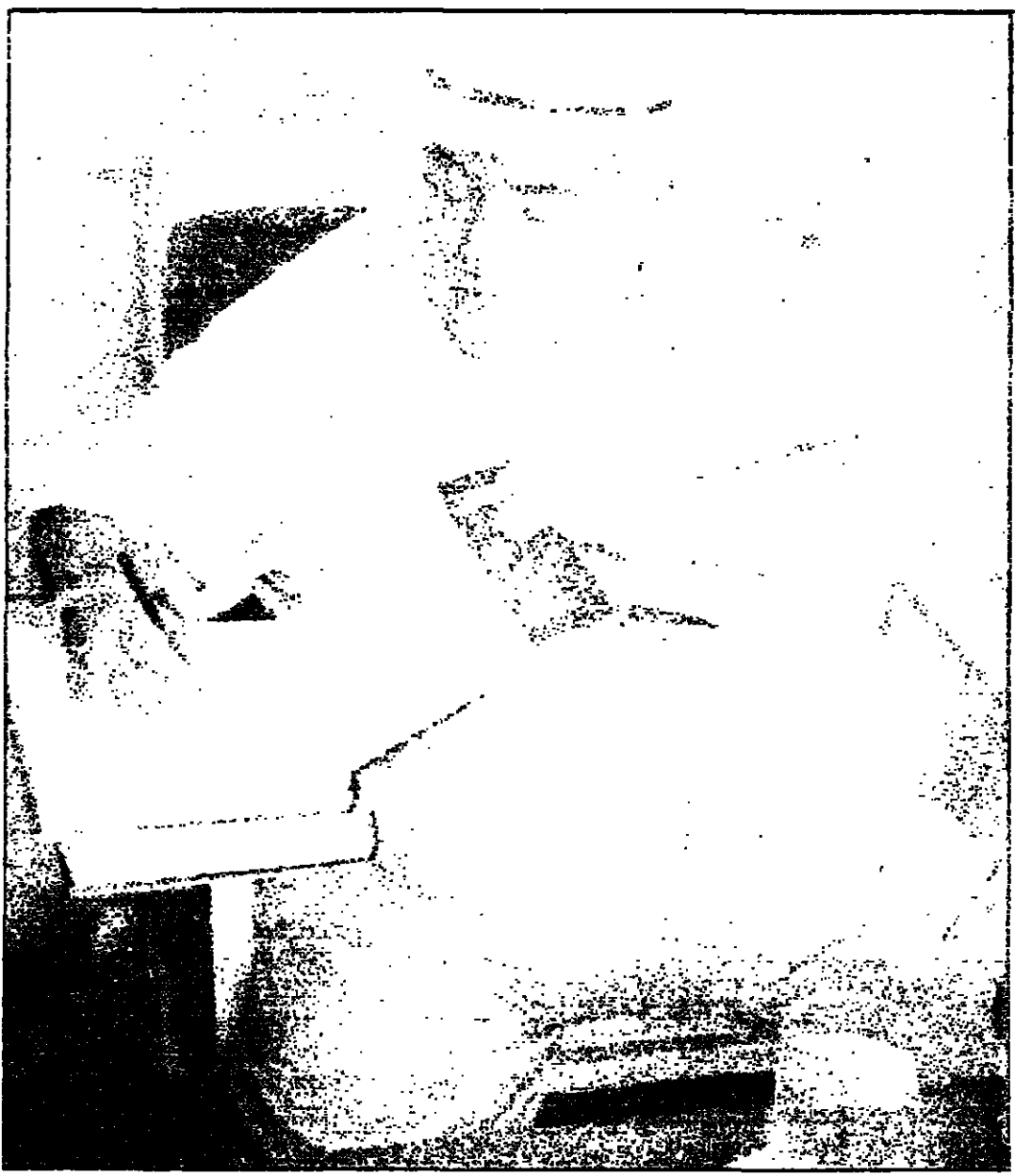
"I have new and important ideas to present which will influence the world. We will defend these ideas by force," he told reporters.

"If the movement does not adopt these ideas we fear it will die," he said in an airport statement, but did not elaborate.

The white-caped Libyan leader, surrounded by bodyguards including a woman in green fatigues and red beret, will live in a tent in the Libyan ambassador's residence instead of a hotel, Arab sources said.

He has already sent six camels to Belgrade so he can drink their milk.

"The movement is being modernised by adopting a more realistic approach to the world," (Continued on Page 6, Col. 8)



A 'crack' at the Pope

Fabio Ochoa Restrepo, the father of three reputed Colombian drug lords autographs a book on horses, which he sent with a letter to Pope John Paul II. Ochoa, 65, urged the Pope to persuade President Virgilio Barco of Colombia to open peace talks with the nation's drug traffickers. (Reuters wirephoto)

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## Army plans to settle in

Shoot 'em — feel free: Rabin

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**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM,**

Sept 3. (Reuters): Israeli Army chiefs today briefed the cabinet on their plan for the next decade which envisage occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip at least until the end of the century, political sources said.

Military sources said the plan included upgrading intelligence and improving weaponry and the

command structure.

They said it also called for stationing more troops permanently in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where 1.7 million Palestinian residents have waged a 20-

month anti-Israel revolt. The Army does not disclose the number of troops deployed there.

Political sources said the military asked for no immediate budget increase.

### NEWSWATCH

**Drug smugglers arrested:** Jordanian police arrested 32 drug smugglers, including a prominent Arab who was not identified, while seizing heroin and hashish worth more than \$250,000 in late August, the kingdom's anti-narcotics chief said on Sunday.

Public Security Col Ghaleb Al Zoubi said during the same period police also seized 13,800 counterfeit dollars "on their way to the local market."

He said the seizure of 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) of heroin "involved a prominent Arab personality who thought he could fool us... but we caught him red-handed with full evidence." (AP)

**Britishers stabbed:** Two British tourists were stabbed early Sunday in a crowded disco after a fight broke out and one of them died on the way to a hospital, police on this Ionian island reported.

Police identified the dead man as Christopher Nicholas Beechiner, 24, of Bath and Cary Edwards, 20, of Darlington, who was reported out of danger.

The stabbings took place in the Paradise disco at Benitses, a popular resort area among British tourists, at about 2.30 am (2330 GMT Saturday), a police official told the Associated Press by telephone. (AP)

**Hare Krishna leader stabbed:** A leader of the Hare Krishna religious sect was stabbed in the neck by one of his followers at Madrid airport on Sunday, police said.

United States-born Indian Swami Japataca, who state radio reported was the head of the sect's activities in India and Latin America, was taken to Madrid's La Paz hospital. A spokeswoman there said he was in a stable condition in intensive care.

Witnesses said the assailant pulled a knife from beneath his robes and stabbed Japataca as he was preparing to board a flight to Barcelona. The attacker was arrested. (Reuters)



A man tries to calm down the sister of a Lebanese Communist Party fighter, who was killed in clashes in Beirut. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Until Aoun is gone'

End of a family

### Shell-shocked

**BEIRUT, Sept 3, (Reuters):** Rival forces fought with tanks and artillery in the mountains north-east of Beirut today along a line separating Lebanon's Christian enclave from Syrian-controlled territory.

Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, leader of the pro-Syrian Progressive Socialist Party, vowed to continue the battle until Christian Army commander Michel Aoun was ousted.

Security sources said scores of shells hit near by villages and coastal areas as the troops of Aoun and pro-Syrian leftist forces battled on the northern Dohar front.

Beirut itself enjoyed a respite from shelling, giving its war-weary residents a chance to rest after spending the past three days covering indoors or crowded together in dark and hot shelters.

Some residents drove to the mountains or spent the day at the beach but the majority stayed at home, anticipating a fresh onslaught of artillery bombardments between Major-General Aoun's Army and Syrian forces and their Lebanese militia allies.

Acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss, who heads a Muslim-led Syrian-backed government vying for power with Aoun's military administration, appealed to the warring sides to end the fighting.

**BEIRUT, Sept 3, (Reuters):** Mohammed Murad was visiting a sick cousin in hospital when an ambulance siren announced the arrival of three corpses from the artillery battles around Beirut.

Curious, he took a close look. The bodies were those of his father, brother and sister, killed on Friday night when a 120 mm mortar bomb struck their house in Beirut's Shiite southern suburbs.

Also in the ambulance was his youngest sister Iman, 17, hysterical and bleeding from wounds suffered in the blast.

"I only recognised by father from his shirt. They were disfigured and charred. They had lost part of their bodies," said Mohammed, 26, at the funeral at the "martyrs' cemetery in Muslim west Beirut.

Iman was also at the burial, carried out in haste during a lull in the shelling which has raged on-and-off for five months.

"I was inside when the bomb crashed," she said. "A cloud of dust and smoke blinded me."

"When I could see, there was a deadly silence. I rushed outside."

"I saw them splattered in a pool of blood. My father was still moaning."

About 780 people have been killed in the fighting which erupted in mid-March, many of them dying as the Murad family did, victims of guns aimed at random at residential areas.

"We have destroyed the bridges of internal reconciliation with our bare hands," Hoss said in a letter published in the Christian-based Ad-Diyar newspaper. "We know that our war is suicidal but despite that we're still fighting."

"We are ready to rid Lebanon of him (Aoun). Let him leave Lebanon because his stay means

more tragedies, destruction and devastation. Let him go because we will not stop our war," Jumblatt said in a speech in the Druze village of Baisour.

"I will never leave Lebanon," Aoun said. "I will continue my war of liberation. I have decided to be buried here in my headquarters."

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## 'Nobel' bid to bridge the Gulf

**UNITED NATIONS, Sept 3, (Reuters):** The UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today he hoped he could talk to both the Gulf war foes when he attends the non-aligned summit conference in Belgrade tomorrow.

UN last year achieved a major diplomatic success in obtaining a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, but there is no progress yet towards a permanent settlement.

In an interview with Reuters correspondents, Perez de Cuellar said he will also use the Belgrade meeting to discuss with Arab leaders the renewed fighting in Lebanon.

After a year of diplomatic feats and a Nobel peace prize for its peacekeeping forces, he believes the world body could score its next major triumph in Southern Africa.

Perez de Cuellar said he hoped the UN-supervised elections in Namibia in November would be the organisation's big success for 1989.

"If we could succeed in having a 100 per cent

democratic election in Namibia it would be an outstanding achievement for the United Nations... not because we want another Nobel prize, but because this is our main responsibility," he said in the interview late last week.

Perez de Cuellar said he thought additional UN police rather than troops would be better suited to maintaining order in the run-up to the Namibian elections because "the only thing soldiers know is how to shoot."

"What we need now is to give assurances to the electors that they will be free to express their preferences," he said.

Aside from Namibia, the secretary general is trying to end conflicts in Afghanistan, the Gulf, Cyprus, Cambodia, Lebanon and Central America. These issues and about 150 others will be on the agenda of the general assembly when it opens its 44th annual session on September 19.

Unlike some of his predecessors, Perez de

Cuellar, a 69-year-old Peruvian lawyer and career diplomat, maintains a low profile and shuns off-the-cuff forecasts.

"Let the dust settle. We have to wait for the dust to settle," he repeated several times in the interview. He voiced cautious optimism about conflicts in which UN efforts, for the moment, are stalled.

On Cyprus, he said UN-brokered talks scheduled this month with the leaders of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities were "out of the question."

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş has rejected negotiations on the basis of UN proposals on ways to reunite the partitioned island under a federal system.

"I don't think Mr Denktaş and I understand each other very well at this very moment (but) I think after I discuss things with him, things will be much clearer. I've known him for 15 years and I consider him a friend."

## Monroe?

so what?

**DEAUVILLE, France, Sept 3, (Reuters):** Marilyn Monroe, a screen sex symbol for a generation, possessed little sex appeal in real life, according to American actor Robert Mitchum.

The 72-year-old star was asked about the late actress at an American film festival in Deauville.

"Marilyn was not a very sexy girl, not at all," said Mitchum, a man known for his bluntness. "She had no sex appeal at all. None. She had a number of various serious physical problems, really, and she was very shy."

Mitchum was in Deauville for a tribute to his films, dating back to 1943.

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### Panda cub dies

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## 24 killed in Lanka ethnic violence

COLOMBO, Sept. 3, (AP): At least 24 people were reported killed in ethnic violence as the government said today it would not allow international bodies into Sri Lanka to investigate alleged human rights abuses.

An Information Department statement said 24 people were killed since yesterday by Sinhalese radicals of the People's Liberation Front, an ultra-nationalist guerrilla group seeking to overthrow the government.

The victims included five women relatives of security force personnel, 12 civilians, five soldiers, a doctor and a postal official, the statement said. It did not give details.

A statement from the office of President Ranasinghe Premadasa said the government was not prepared to permit international bodies, including Amnesty International, to visit the country.

The statement was released after a six-member opposition group known as the Committee of Parliamentarians of the Opposition for Fundamental and Human Rights met with Premadasa.

The group urged the President to safeguard human rights of the citizens, the statement said.

Opposition politicians and human rights groups have accused the military and pro-government vigilante groups of killing hundreds of civilians suspected to sympathise with the Sinhalese radicals.

The government denies the charge and accused the extremists of being responsible for most of the 5,000 killings reported since the front began its campaign two years ago.

"Fundamental or human rights is not the preserve of one party or group, Premadasa told the opposition parliamentarians, according to the statement.

Government ministers who attended the meeting said the human rights group while accusing the government had never listed the number of people killed by the Sinhalese radicals, the statement said.

The front claims the government gave too many concessions to Tamil secessionists in an India-brokered peace accord of June, 1987.

## Ulster's 20 years of conflict

# Families at war

BELFAST, Sept. 3, (Reuters): Paul Sayers was a 13-year-old choirboy when the IRA bomb went off down the street and something flew past him.

"My cousin kicked it, thinking it was a seagull. It was somebody's foot," he is quoted as saying in a new book. Iain's policeman father was blown up on the eight-year-old boy's birthday. When friends came to pay their respect at the house, Iain vanished. He was finally found in his parents' bedroom, sitting cross-legged under the coffin.

His aunt Marion, still haunted by the image of the little boy, is quoted as saying: "We used to pray that the 'troubles' would be over before our sons became teenagers. Now we pray that they will be over before our grandsons become teenagers."

She offers a gloomy but fitting epitaph to "Families at War" in which British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reporter Peter Taylor takes a stirring look at Northern Ireland's 20 years of conflict that have killed almost 3,000 people and maimed 30,000.

Taylor conducted a cross-section of interviews across the clean of hatred and misunderstanding between Protestant and Catholic.

The families at war that he picked are graphically portrayed in a series of television documentaries and a book profiling their battered lives.

He was rewarded with fullsome praise from many British and Irish critics who singled out his series of BBC programmes as the most effective and even-handed treatment of BBC programmes as the most effective and even-handed treatment of Northern Ireland's troubles in a state of 20th anniversary specials.

Particularly striking in his book of the series is the agony of children seared by brutality, the unbending courage of grieving mothers.

Paul Sayers, a Protestant who married a Catholic, still recalls vividly the day an Irish Republican Army (IRA) bomb went off in Londonderry.

"It was very graphic. There were bare torsos the clothes and everything had been burned off but they were still recognisable as people," he told Taylor.

"It wasn't covered in blood or anything. It was just a

chest with no head. It was gruesome. I couldn't sleep for weeks after it. There must be hundreds of children in Northern Ireland who have seen things like that."

Mura McKearney had three sons who joined the IRA in the guerrilla fight to oust Britain from Northern Ireland.

One blew himself up in when a car bomb went off prematurely. Another was shot dead when British commandos ambushed IRA gunmen attacking a village police station. A third is serving life for his part in the killing of a postman and part-time soldier.

"I live with the fact that when my sons joined the IRA, although I hoped they would live to be old men, they would die at any time," she told Taylor.

"It's like the mother who has a son in the British Army. She knows that the moment he puts on that uniform he can come home in a coffin although she too hopes he will live to be an old man."

In his book, Taylor is struck by some similarities between IRA gunmen and British soldiers — many are teenagers from working-class backgrounds. Both use the same rough language, both use high-velocity weapons.

British troops were sent into Northern Ireland in 1969 to relieve the exhausted local police and stop civil war erupting between Catholic and Protestant.

Nationalists, fear of marauding Protestant mobs, greeted them with endless cups of tea and buns. But soon they were reviled as an army of occupation, hated symbols of British imperialism.

Corporal Jim Miller, reflecting on the metamorphosis, told Taylor "now we are pig in the middle and everybody hates us. In 1969, it was fun. It was nice."

"It's a war I don't think we can win. There's no way to win a war like that. You know who the enemy is but you never see them."

Colonel Jamie Campbell, injured by an IRA sniper, told Taylor: "The 200 or so who are in their active service units are not IRA activists. They are professional thugs who are skilled in the art of killing and probably revel in it and justify it with some spurious claim that it's done 'for the cause. But basically they get their kicks out of killing people."

## Dhaka strikebound



Young picketers attack a rickshaw during the strike in Dhaka. (Reuters wirephoto)

DHAKA, Sept. 3, (AP): Two police women were injured and at least 16 people arrested today as nationwide strikes by two rival opposition groups shut down shops, banks and schools and prompted patrols of armed police.

The two policewomen were injured when someone threw a firebomb into their jeep as they drove through the capital of Dhaka. The officers had to jump from the exploding flames and one, an inspector at the department's special intelligence branch, suffered severe head injuries and was comatose, police said.

Baton-wielding police clashed with members of a procession near a mosque in central Dhaka, police and witnesses said. About 20 people were slightly injured, they said.

Except for a few rickshaws, the streets of Dhaka and other major cities were deserted and many government and private offices closed during the six-hour strike, witnesses said.

Strike supporters in small groups paraded through downtown Dhaka, chanting slogans, deflating rickshaw tires and harassing their pullers, witnesses said. At least 16 people were arrested, police said.

The right-party opposition alliance headed by the Awami League called the strike to protest an Aug 10 attack by unidentified gunmen on the home of the league's chief, Sheikh Hasina.

No one was injured in the attack which was blamed on the freedom party. Leaders of the Freedom Party plotted the violent 1975 coup that toppled the government of Mrs. Hasina's father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

## Sikh extremists kill eight pedestrians

NEW DELHI, Sept. 3, (UPI): Sikh radicals randomly shot pedestrians in a village in northern Punjab, killing eight people and wounding eight others during political violence today that also left dead three extremists, the Press Trust of India said.

More than 5,000 people have died since 1983 in bloodshed linked to the drive by Sikh radicals fighting to create in Punjab a theocratic nation named "Khalistan." Security personnel have succeeded in vastly reducing separatist actions during the past year, but in recent weeks the radicals have escalated their operations, and last Monday killed 23 train passengers and wounded 30 others.

The Press Trust reported about 15 radicals armed with Chinese-made assault rifles drove in two cars through Mandi Gobindpur village, and shot at any human target in the settlement near Patiala city, 130 miles (200 km) north-west of New Delhi.

The domestic news agency said the gunfire instantly killed six people and wounded 10 others, two of whom later died from their bullet injuries.

It quoted police as saying the radicals escaped from the area and later abandoned the two vehicles, which were found strewn with ammunition spent in the attack.



A long wait

A group of East German refugees waits to board a bus which will take them from the over-crowded Calleberg refugee camp in Budapest to another camp in Zanka-Uttorvaros. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bonn MP 'had' links with spies

BERLIN, Sept. 3, (AP): Two German magazines are reporting that a member of the West German Parliament who held security posts in West Berlin had contacts for years with East German intelligence agents.

The Hamburg-based Der Spiegel and Stern magazines claimed Heinrich Lummer had an "intimate relationship with a woman known to be an East German spy" and also had frequent contacts with other East German agents in the 1970s and 1980s.

Lummer is a member of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union Party and represents West Berlin in the federal Parliament in Bonn.

West Berlin officials would neither confirm nor deny the reports. No one answered the telephone at Lummer's residence in West Berlin.

The magazines said Lummer, who once acted as chief of the West Berlin constitutional protection office, had not informed security officials of the full extent of his contacts with people in communist East Berlin.

Der Spiegel and Stern said the West Berlin constitutional protection office, responsible for counterintelligence efforts in the city, had since given federal prosecutors a dossier on Lummer's activities.

According to both magazines East German agents sought to blackmail Lummer into further contacts with the use of "compromising photographs."

The magazines said it is not known what Lummer may have told the East German agents.

Der Spiegel said Lummer first told West Berlin security officials about his contacts in 1975, years after they began.

It said Lummer told security officials "that he went along with the game to find out what kind of information the agents wanted from him."

Both Der Spiegel and Stern reported that Lummer told officials he had regularly informed a friend in West Germany's intelligence service about the contacts.

## FRG readies for refugees

### Exodus of East Germans

BONN, Sept. 3, (UPI): Aid workers today battled against rain and time to prepare transit camps for the arrival of thousands of East Germans expected to start flooding to the West today in an unprecedented humanitarian operation.

An official Hungarian Radio broadcast today told East Germans who wanted to travel to the West — from Hungary, where they are officially on vacation — that their evacuation was imminent.

The broadcast came amid reports that up to ten per cent of the estimated 150,000 to 200,000 East German "tourists" currently in Hungary would flood to the West in the next few days.

The evacuation of several thousand East German refugees from Hungary through Austria to West Germany will now probably begin tomorrow, said government-run Radio Danubius, which broadcasts mainly to German-speaking tourists.

"The refugees will be moved in groups of up to 2,000 by rail to tented camps in Bavaria. The refugees will spend two to three nights in tents... then they will move on to their further destinations in West Germany," the radio said.

But an effort to stop rumours that a mass departure would begin today, Red Cross officials announced that an organized exodus of East Germans would leave Hungary for the West "sometime next week."

West German Red Cross spokesman Wolfgang Wagner made the announcement today to reporters gathered outside an emergency camp prepared to shelter some of the thousands of East Germans waiting to emigrate.

He declined to be more precise about the timing, saying only: "We're awaiting word from the West German embassy."

The exodus is expected to be the largest since thousands of

East Germans fled their country in the days before the construction of the Berlin Wall, Aug. 13, 1961. The operation follows a secret agreement between the West German and Hungarian authorities, which was partly leaked in the last few days.

Government spokesman in Bonn remained tight-lipped about the planned evacuation, but West German media quoted official sources as also saying it would take place tomorrow or Tuesday.

An official of the regional Red Cross Society in the southern German state of Bavaria said the West German Interior Ministry had requested aid agencies to have the refugee camps ready by tomorrow.

She said that despite the low temperatures and heavy rains, the refugees would be reasonably comfortable in the tented camps. "No one will freeze and no one will get soaked," she said.

The official said aid workers continued working round the clock under pouring rain, pitching tents, erecting temporary kitchens and installing telephone booths in what has been described as the largest humanitarian operation in Bavaria since the end of World War II.

In other parts of West Germany, churches, military barracks and unoccupied buildings were being prepared to accommodate the expected flood of refugees.

Since July, when vacationing East Germans jammed the West German embassy in the Hungarian capital of Budapest demanding safe passage to the West, the embassy has refused to comment on the developments.

US Ambassador Vernon Walters said today the current exodus of East Germans to the West showed it was abnormal to have two Germans and he believed they could be reunited in the near future.

## Dresden, Coventry recall W W II

COVENTRY, England, Sept. 3, (Agencies): Even today, 50 years later, there is a stillness at the heart of Coventry.

Here stand the skeletal remains of its 700-year-old cathedral destroyed with the rest of the city centre on Nov. 14 in the longest, deadliest single bombing raid inflicted by Adolf Hitler on a British city during World War II.

There were no military or industrial targets in Cathedral Square — just buildings, shops and people, 568 of whom were killed.

If Coventry represented a new 20th-century strategy known as total war, the Allies showed in February 1945 how far total war could go when they bombed the German city of Dresden, killing 135,000 people.

On Sunday, the 50th anniversary of Britain's declaration of war on Germany, worshippers in Coventry and Dresden came together through a BBC radio linkup, and forgave each other once again.

"The war which Germany started set the world alight and destroyed your city," Pastor Christof Zimmer of the Krukenberg church in Dresden told the 500 Coventry worshippers over a loudspeaker in the new cathedral, built next to the ruins of the old.

"We are not minded to shake off the burden of our guilt. But you have forgiven."

Canon Michael Sadgrove replied from Coventry: "We too need to be forgiven. We will not forget the firestorm that killed so many thousands of your people."

Ruins

"Father forgive," intoned the congregation in Coventry.

"Vater vergib," came the answering murmur in German from Dresden.

The ruins of Coventry cathedral were tidied up long ago, and the remnants arranged in rows under the open sky — truncated pillars, the lopped-off winding stairway to a pulpit, now leading nowhere.

Only the 295-foot (90-metre) steeple survived intact, pointing skyward, a point of reflection for tourists who wander about in awed silence.

Before the inscription "Father Forgive" stands the replica of a cross of two blackened wooden beams, lashed together in 1940 by a Catholic caretaker who pulled them from the ruins in a spontaneous gesture of remembrance that was to become world-famous.

Coventry is now a city of 303,000, 90 miles (145 kilometres) west of London, best known today for manufacturing the luxury Jaguar car.

It found the strength to forgive in the words of provost Dick Howard, who declared in a broadcast from the Cathedral ruins on Christmas 1940: "We are trying, hard as it may be, to banish all thoughts of revenge... to make a kinder, simpler, more Christlike sort of world in the days beyond this strife."

Preaching in Coventry cathedral, the Rev. Ulrike Birken of Dresden said it was "Christ's example that gave men like Howard 'the courage to make themselves unpopular by offering to forgive'."

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"When enemies have become friends, when both sides have faced up to their own sins, they can accept forgiveness and lay aside the burden of guilt," she said.

The Rev. Birken, who was born in Dresden shortly after the war and attended college in the English city of Birmingham.

He recalled childhood memories of "long train rides with my parents through miles of ruins, with only the tower of St. Anne's Church still standing, just like the tower of your cathedral here in Coventry."

Adolf Hitler, Neville Chamberlain and the 13-year-old Princess Elizabeth spoke on the radio early today as they did 50 years ago at the outbreak of World War II.

Recordings of their speeches were in a newscast on independent Radio News, a commercial station, marking the start of the 50th anniversary of Britain's entry into the war on Sept. 3, 1939.

## Charles renews crusade against modern architecture

LONDON, Sept. 3, (Reuters): Prince Charles, renewing a personal crusade against impersonal modern architecture, has accused British designers of creating "Frankenstein monsters" which defile the nation's towns and countryside.

"As a result of 30 years of experimenting with revolutionary building materials and novel ideas, burning all the rulebooks and purveying the theory that man is a machine, we have ended up with Frankenstein monsters, alien and largely unloved," the heir to

the throne writes in a book to be published this week.

In extracts published in the Sunday Times newspaper, the 40-year-old prince attacked the "creeping cancer" of what he called synthetic architecture and appealed for a return to traditional values.

"It seems to me that we have suffered too long from the imposition of a kind of nondescript, mediocre, synthetic, international style of architecture which is found everywhere —

from Riyadh to Rangoon," he said.

"I believe that when a man loses contact with the past he loses his soul. Likewise, if we deny the architectural past — and the lessons to be learnt from our ancestors — then our buildings also lose their souls."

The book, "A Vision of Britain," attacks the architectural establishment of arrogance and appeals for a style of building more sensitive to the feelings and needs of ordinary people.

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# Royal split planned in secrecy

LONDON, Sept 3, (UPI): The separation of Princess Anne and Capt. Mark Phillips was planned more than four months ago in great secrecy, according to an article written for the Sunday Times by her authorised biographer.

While in a separate Sunday Times article, Prince Charles, made his most devastating attack on the "arrogance" of trendy British architects in a serialisation of his new book "A Vision of Britain," which will be published this week to coincide with the opening of an architectural exhibition

at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

On Thursday, Buckingham Palace confirmed that Princess Anne and her husband would be separating after 15 years of marriage, adding that no divorce action was planned.

Brian Hoey, who has known the Princess Royal for 20 years and has worked closely with her during the past 12 months on an approved biography, revealed that the original move towards separation came in May at Anne's instigation.

"The first serious moves toward the

separation came in May this year," Hoey wrote. "The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh were told of the couple's difficulties and once it had been established that there was no chance of a reconciliation, Sir Matthew Farrer, solicitor to the Queen and the princess, was consulted about the legal technicalities."

The announcement of the split was timed to occur when most of the royal family were at their Scottish summer retreat in Balmoral. It also comes as the couple's children, Peter, 11, and Zara,

eight, return to boarding school.

"It was (Anne's) decision, and her's alone, that a clean break was the only honest answer," according to Hoey.

For years, the marriage has been a source of rumour since the British media noted the couple's long absence from each other. Hoey, whose authorised biography, "Anne, The Princess Royal," will be serialised by the newspaper, argued that there was little substance to the reports of romances on either side.

## Bakker 'behind bars' for tests

BUTNER, North Carolina, Sept 3, (UPI): Jim Bakker, the American television preacher who won hundreds of thousands of followers during his PTL heyday, remained in a prison hospital yesterday, subjected to what wife Tammy Faye described as horrible degradation.

Bakker, 49, has been at the federal prison hospital in Butner since Thursday, when the judge at his criminal fraud trial signed commitment papers after Bakker's own lawyer, George Davis, claimed he had suffered a nervous breakdown.

"I'm really upset tonight. As I walked in, I didn't realise I was coming into a prison," Tammy Faye told reporters on Friday night after visiting her husband for about six hours.

She said Bakker, the dapper evangelist who founded PTL and built it into a huge evangelical empire, is being treated in a humiliating fashion and was not even aware where he was going when US marshalls took him to Butner.

"He is behind bars and wearing handcuffs," she said. "When they took him in, they did not tell him where he was going. They strip-searched him in front of a room full of men and threw him in a jail cell."

"Jim said it was the most humiliating thing of his life," she said. "We prayed that God would help him through the most humiliating experience of his life."

Tammy Faye said Bakker had an allergic reaction to some medication administered on Wednesday and Thursday by Basil Jackson, who purports to be Bakker's psychiatrist, although he admitted he had only met with Bakker four times since December. Jackson prescribed Xanax, a tranquillizer known to cause hallucinations in some people.

"Jim doesn't even take aspirin," said Tammy Faye. "That's why he hallucinated and did the things people on medication do."

Tammy Faye blamed US district judge Robert Potter for the predicament her husband is in. She did not seem to realise Potter had warned Davis that if he asked for a competency hearing, Bakker would be sent to Butner.

Federal law requires if a defendant's lawyers ask for a competency hearing, the defendant must be sent to a federal facility for competency tests. Davis was warned of that twice by the judge and asked if he still wanted a competency hearing.

## Charles to raise army

LONDON, Sept 3, (Kana): Britain's heir to the throne, Prince Charles, wants to create a volunteer community army of 100,000 young people, it was reported today.

Everyone aged 16 to 25 would be given the chance to spend three months on full-time projects from helping the handicapped to reclaiming derelict land, according to a report in today's Sunday Times newspaper.

The plan is being drawn up after months of consultations with cabinet members, Labour Party and trade union leaders, the paper said.

The prince's idea is that those in work would be paid by their employers or through allowances and money raised by local businesses.

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## Adamson buried

Two weeks after being killed by armed bandits, conservationist George Adamson was buried yesterday at the remote game reserve where he taught dozens of lions to survive in the African bush.

The 83-year-old former game warden died Aug 20, nine years after the violent death of his wife, Joy, who wrote the touching story of Elsa the lioness in "Born Free."

About 60 of Adamson's friends and admirers, including conservationists, diplomats and actors, travelled in small planes to his simple scrubland camp 150 miles (243 kilometres) east of Nairobi for the short service held in the mid-afternoon heat.

Adrian House, chairman of the Elsa Wild Animal Appeal

and the Adamson's publisher, eulogised Adamson as a man of courage and a man who "when he feared death, looked it in the face and didn't flinch."

Adamson and two of his assistants were shot and killed as they went to the rescue of another assistant and a house guest who had been attacked by gunmen about two kilometres (one mile) from the camp.

The gunmen, apparently intent on robbery, turned their fire on Adamson when he tried to run them over in his battered land rover.

Among those at the service were Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna, a married pair of British actors who played George and Joy Adamson in the movie version of "Born Free." (Reuters wirephoto)

PEO

DALLAS, Texas (UPI) — Federal Drug Agents seized 11 pounds of

southern Asian heroin this week in a "now expressing concern over the method used to smuggle the illegal drug into the United States," saturating the pages of books.

Federal drug enforcement agency wrapped up a year-long investigation Friday with the seizure of the drug shipment, valued at \$12 million on the streets, and the arrests of three Pakistanis in Dallas.

However, DEA agents said the smuggling technique was to liquify the drug and saturate pages of ordinary books. The books then passed through US Customs checkpoints without detection, and the smugglers then soaked the pages in a chemical to extract the heroin. (UPI)

RENO, Nevada: Owners of a gambling casino could not make a go for it with a 1950s theme, but they hoped to recoup some of their losses by selling off the memorabilia that decorated the place.

Old television sets, a vintage jukebox and old movie posters went on sale Saturday alongside green felt tables, slot machines, dice and playing cards from Eddie's fabulous '50s casino. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Actress Mary Steenburgen and actor Madeline McDowell have filed for divorce, the actress' publicist said.

Miss Steenburgen and McDowell met while making the 1979 movie Time After Time. They have been married nine years, said Diane Collins, a publicist for Miss Steenburgen.

Miss Steenburgen and McDowell said they will continue to be "close friends." (AP)

STOCKHOLM, Sweden: The opening of Danish Queen Margrethe II's art exhibition was enthusiastically received.

At least 7,000 visitors, including her cousin, Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf, crammed the Millergarden Gallery Wednesday, one of Stockholm's most popular art houses, when the queen introduced her paintings, drawings and embroideries. (AP)

HIGHLAND PARK, Michigan: The high heels are there, as are the short skirts and the wild hair.

Singer Tina Turner of high-energy rock 'n' roll fame takes over centre stage for Plymouth Motors' new advertising campaign with an uncharacteristically subdued performance. She talks in a straight-forward manner about Plymouth's acclaim, laser and sundance cars and the voyager minivan.

She ends each spot with a soft-spoken "that's right, Plymouth."

But Turner fans expecting her throaty, hard-driving singing are going to be disappointed. In none of the commercials does she sing a note.

The Chrysler Corporation's 1990 advertising campaign was unveiled Wednesday. (AP)

NEW YORK: Academy award-winning director Billy Wilder is selling part of his large art collection, including a Picasso estimated to be worth \$7 million.

"I wanted the fun of having empty walls for once," the 83-year-old Wilder joked in a telephone interview from Beverly Hills, California, with the New York Times.

Wilder, who has won six Oscars for writing or directing, such films as Sunset Boulevard and Some Like It Hot, said he wanted to be able to have the fun of watching the action at the November sale at Christie's in New York. (AP)

## Fatal attraction

## Bare bottom on a black top

LOS ANGELES, Sept 3, (AP): A 19-year-old man has died after he was struck by two cars while exposing his buttocks to vehicles on a highway, according to authorities.

A witness reported the man was standing in a southbound lane of the Pacific Coast Highway at about 1 am yesterday. "His pants were down and he was bent over with his back to the vehicle" when he was struck by a car travelling about 45 mph (70 kph), police officer Roger Peck quoted the witness as saying.

The man was knocked down and a second car ran over him, Peck said.

WYANDANCH, New York: A 16-month-old baby provided police with the evidence — a tiny handful of crack — when two officers arrested a man for drug possession, police said Saturday.

James Hezzy, 29, was arrested Friday night for possession of a controlled substance, police said. The child's mother, 28-year-old Millicent Angus, was arrested for loitering and endangering the welfare of a child.

According to police, the incident began when two officers spotted Hezzy standing beside Ms Angus' car at an intersection.

As the officers approached the car, Hezzy allegedly dropped several packages of crack into it, police said.

When the policemen arrived at the car, the baby reached up and showed them several pieces of crack that had fallen inside, police said.

The infant was released into the custody of his grandmother. (AP)

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia: The Yugoslav National Bank is planning to introduce a 1-million-dinar banknote this fall, the official Tanjug news agency reported Thursday.

The new note, worth \$35 at the current rate, is intended to ease difficulties caused by the country's 800 per cent annual inflation rate. One dollar was worth 30,000 dinars Thursday.

The new bill, which will probably appear on Nov 1, will be the country's second-largest. A 2-million-dinar bill was put into circulation earlier in August. (AP)

NEW YORK: Archbishop Tirma Nersisyan, former primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, has died of cancer. He was 85.

Nersisyan died Friday at St Luke's Hospital in New York.

He was elected primate in 1943. During his 10-year tenure, 11 new churches were established and 21 priests added to the clergy.

Nersisyan, a naturalised US citizen, also was a founder of St. Nerses Seminary in New Rochelle New York, and a religious scholar who lectured extensively.



## Protest march

Moses Stewart (centre, with white shirt), father of Yusef Hawkins who was killed in a racial attack in Bensonhurst, New York, marches Saturday along with the Rev. Al Sharpton (3rd from left) and other family members around the area where Hawkins was killed. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Battle for the Apple

# 'Race' to the core

NEW YORK, Sept 3, (UPI): With little more than a week to the primary, three-term Democratic Mayor Edward Koch is fighting for his political life in a city gripped by racial tensions.

He calls it his "toughest battle" since taking office in 1977. But Koch, who is more than happy to run as an underdog, thrives on the mouth-to-mouth combat of the campaign.

Politics is his lifeblood, his greatest passion in life, aside from eating.

"Politics is a religion," he says. For months, the polls showed Koch far behind Democrat David Dinkins, the soft-spoken Manhattan borough president who would be the city's first black mayor if elected.

The polls had him trailing even further behind a Republican Rudolph Giuliani, the former prosecutor who put many Koch administration officials and supporters behind bars during the mayor's corruption-laden third term.

Rebound But in recent weeks, following a blitz of TV commercials and a strong showing in debates with his Democratic rivals, Koch has been on the rebound.

Polls showed him almost even in the Sept 12 primary with Dinkins, who has campaigned as a healer able to bind the wounds of a divided city but has struggled to cast off the image of being indecisive and cautious to a fault.

The other two Democrats in the contest, veteran city comptroller Harrison Goldin and former metropolitan transportation authority chief Richard Ravitch, never caught fire.

Giuliani, meanwhile, plummeted in popularity. Once hailed by supporters as a white knight racing to save the city from crack, crime and corruption, he instead has stumbled again and again under withering press scrutiny in his first campaign for public office.

And fellow Republican Ronald Lauder, the heir to a cosmetics fortune who has spent a record \$10.2 million and counting in his longshot bid for Grace Mansion, found his negative rating climbing the better known he became.

So Koch, reinvigorated and

hoping to put to rest charges he is tired and out of gas, started doing what Koch does best.

He hit the campaign trail hard, appearing in community after community while playing his incumbency to the hilt. With an almost magic wand, he unveiled an endless list of new programmes almost every day, each geared to a specific constituency.

There would be more police, new anti-drug programmes, more money to rehabilitate housing for the poor and the middle-class in the outer boroughs, no-interest loans for the elderly, expanded treatment for AIDS victims, and on and on.

'Batman'

Like Batman, he dropped from the sky into neighbourhoods across the city on the national night out against crime, transported by police helicopter to community rallies while his rivals fought traffic on the streets.

"I'm number two. But David Dinkins feels my hot breath on his neck," Koch declared with a grin.

But just when his campaign seemed finally to be taking off, the Aug 23 racial attack that left a black teenager dead in the predominantly white Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn brought him back to earth.

Koch was booed and jeered by angry blacks at the wake for the victim of the attack and again at the funeral and had to escape through a side door.

Jackson charged Koch was pandering to white voters and urged blacks to "take your anger out on the ballot box."

For Dinkins, who is as low key as Koch is brash, the furor could spur the kind of black turnout that carried Jackson to victory in the presidential primary last year.

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## Leopard mauls child to death

CHERAW, South Carolina, Sept 3, (AP): A 16-month-old boy strapped into a car seat was mauled to death by a 200 pound (90-kilogramme) leopard that escaped from its cage at the family's farm, authorities said.

The child's grandmother had left the car door open after a shopping trip Friday.

"She had carried a couple of packages into the house and returned to get the child," said Ronnie Huntley, chief investigator with the sheriff's department. "That's when the leopard made its attack."

"The grandmother fought the leopard off," then drove the boy to the hospital, he said.

The child, Holden Brown-Cline, died at Chesterfield General Hospital, officials said. The grandmother, Wilma Cline, was treated for minor cuts.

The boy's parents, Bob and DeAnn Cline, were out of state on Friday. They keep 12 lions and other big cats at their farm, and take them to fairs and malls throughout the southeast.

Officials were unsure how the animal escaped.

Huntley said officials tried to keep the animal cornered until representatives from a zoo could arrive and sedate the animal.

But the animal tried to flee, leading Chesterfield county sheriff Ralph Freeman to order it shot and killed, Huntley said.

Freeman said they will investigate the death before deciding whether to file charges.

Huntley said authorities were aware of the animals and had checked on the situation before.

## Panda cub found dead

WASHINGTON, Sept 3, (AP): The latest cub born to the giant panda Ling-Ling died from complications caused by infections it developed either during or after birth, a National Zoo spokesman said today.

The female cub, born to Ling-Ling on Friday, was found dead early today, said chief spokesman Robert Hoag.

The cub was believed to have contracted the infection either while it was still in its mother's womb, or shortly after it was delivered.

All of Ling-Ling's previous cubs have died. Had this one survived, it would be the first giant panda successfully bred in the United States.

The four-ounce (113 gram) female cub was confined to an oxygen-filled incubator since late Friday, and was fed a milk-like formula through a tube that was inserted down the throat and into the stomach.

She was also inoculated with immunoglobins that had been prepared from the blood of her father, Hsing-Hsing, and given special formula antibiotics.

# Lust for a life almost lost

NEWARK, New Jersey, Sept 3, (AP): A woman who survived two weeks adrift in an open raft says she now realises "life can be taken away at any time," and she's rearrange her life for more leisure to indulge her love of the outdoors.

Janet Culver, 48, who spent the last month recovering from dehydration, exposure and undernourishment in a hospital in Hamilton, Bermuda, arrived yesterday in New York aboard the Royal Viking Star cruise ship.

Six weeks ago, she and Nicholas Abbott, whom she was considering marrying, left Bermuda in a sailboat bound for New York state. The sailboat sank in the Atlantic and Abbott, 50, was lost at sea.

"It has made me rearrange my priorities," Ms Culver said in a telephone interview shortly after her return home to Passaic, New Jersey. "I'm going to spend more time doing the things I want to do in life instead of putting

them on a back burner because I realise life can be taken away at any time."

Ms Culver said she planned to spend the next few weeks resting at her mother's home on Long Island in New York and healing from skin grafts to remove ulcers caused by friction from the raft.

She will also mull over several movie and book offers she's received to recount her ordeal.

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# Money 'rules' the cocaine trail

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** It begins with the coca-growing peasant in Bolivia or Peru, moves on to the Colombian drug baron and ends up with the user in the United States or Europe. This is the cocaine trail that has brought the peasant more than he has ever had before and the baron enormous wealth. But cocaine money, as Colombia has recently shown, is a curse in South America.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Sept. 3, (AP): The cocaine trade has become so pervasive and so great an economic force in South America that it threatens the sovereignty and security of nations.

Billions of cocaine dollars are making their way into and in some cases corrupting the economies of Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and more recently Ecuador on a scale that approaches the amounts they earn from legal exports.

Cocaine cartels, producers and traffickers have established virtual autonomous states in remote areas and, with the support of local coca-growing peasants, operate beyond the law's reach.

Anti-government guerrillas in Peru are arming themselves with millions of dollars from drug cartels and traffickers, with whom they have allied themselves in their attempts to seize power.

In Colombia, traffickers have formed private armies with intelligence-gathering units, modern weapons and fleets of aircraft. In the past decade, they have killed 220 judges and other court employees, two newspaper editors, a justice minister, an attorney general, hundreds of policemen and soldiers and dozens of others perceived as a threat to their business.

But it was the assassination last month of popular presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan that left the nation in outrage and prompted the government to launch all-out war against the cartels.

In Bolivia and Peru, however, officials say the overall war against the cocaine trade will be lost without a regional effort and greater resources for effective coca-leaf reduction and interdiction programmes. Peasant coca farmers in the far reaches of Bolivia and Peru are the suppliers for the traffickers of cocaine to the United States and Europe.

"The implications for Colombia and for other Latin American nations, where narco-traffickers are able to amass huge fortunes, are crucial," the US ambassador to Bolivia, Robert S. Gelbard, said in an interview. "The traffickers in a variety of ways are out to subvert and destroy the democratic system in Bolivia as in other countries of the region. This is nothing less than a war to decide who will govern these countries."

"Both producing and consuming nations should take heed of what is happening in Colombia. There is no such thing as benign drug production or consumption. The sovereignty of producing nations is a little less secure with every new acre of coca planted and with every dollar spent on cocaine high."

Already there is concern that the offensive against the Colombian cartels will drive the traffickers to other South American nations where vast areas are unpatrolled and lack radar to control air traffic. Border patrols already have been increased in Brazil, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia.

So far, the US government's anti-drug strategy in South America has been based on an effective interdiction programme involving the seizure of chemicals used to process coca leaves and the destruction of cocaine-producing facilities. The intent was to drive down the price of coca leaves and encourage farmers to shift to other crops.

Since its inception in 1987, Operation "Snowcap" — a multi-nation cocaine interdiction programme central to the US strategy — has destroyed more than 200 cocaine labs and seized more than 43 metric tons of cocaine.

US drug agents and local police forces have in recent years increased their operating capacity. But as police activities become more effective, traffickers use their vast resources to bribe judges, prosecutors and police officials.

Despite a greater US presence in drug-producing nations, cocaine production continues to rise by 10 per cent a year, a US State Department report says. As a result, cocaine prices in the United States have steadily declined, making cocaine and crack — a potent, smokable derivative — more available. Europe and Asia are now the growth markets for cocaine.

For farmers to stop growing coca leaves, viable alternative crops must be found. But with the recent drop in the price of coffee — a crop suited for the tropics where coca is grown — and the lack of other profitable alternative crops, farmers prefer to grow coca, which provides four crops a year and is easy to sell.

An estimated 300,000 people in Bolivia depend on coca farming and cocaine production for a livelihood. Coca leaf still provides a 100 per cent profit to farmers, and coca-leaf acreage increased by 20 per cent in 1987-88, according to a US State Department report.

Peru, Bolivia and Colombia produced 348 to 454 metric tons of pure cocaine in 1988, according to US government figures. With cocaine selling wholesale in Miami for \$15,000 a kilogramme (2.2 pounds) or higher and retailing for \$50,000 to \$120,000, the value of South America's cocaine is worth at least \$5 billion wholesale and at least \$17 billion retail.

In Bolivia, an impoverished country of 6.9 million people, the cocaine produced is worth at least \$1.7 billion wholesale. From that, an estimated \$300 million to \$500 million flows back into the economy, compared with \$600 million dollars for all legal exports combined.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Sept. 3, (AP): Colombian drug lords smuggle most of the cocaine sold in the streets of the United States through the Caribbean, which has become a strategic gateway for narcotics.

On any given night, small planes from Colombia and other South American nations drop bundles of cocaine into the blue Caribbean sea. The bundles, bearing sophisticated blinking signal lights, are then picked up by boats waiting off any one of 25 Caribbean island-nations or the Bahamas.

"No island is exempt, no body of land," John Fernandez, the US Drug Enforcement Agency spokesman in Miami, said in a telephone interview. "It comes by boat, by air ... any type of boat, any type of plane, any which way traffickers can get drugs in."

Officials say the Caribbean became the main cocaine route in the last few years because of increased drug production and relatively successful surveillance efforts in usual Western routes, including the US-Mexico border.

In just two or three hours, a plane carrying cocaine from Colombia also can fly the 600 or so miles (1,000 kilometres) across the Caribbean to landing fields in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, or the US and British Virgin Islands.

The DEA estimates 60 to 80 per cent of the cocaine and marijuana smuggled to the United States is transhipped from the Caribbean and the Bahamas, mostly to Florida, for redistribution to American markets.

Officials say Puerto Rico, a US commonwealth, has become a recent favourite of traffickers because it has no US customs inspections for flights leaving for the US mainland.

"If it arrives here, it's in the United States," said Bill Mitchell, a DEA special agent in San Juan. "You can go up to any airline counter and say you want to ship 20 kilos (44 pounds) of hardware to your sister. It's a domestic shipment. So you don't need to inspect it."

Other ways to ship drugs to the United States from Puerto Rico are by cruise ships, commercial planes, luggage and the US mails. But most shipments are made inside ship cargo containers. Puerto Rico has about 1 million such containers, a number too great for US customs to inspect effectively.

In fiscal 1988, the DEA said, 11 tons (10,000 kilograms) of cocaine, 35 tons (32,000 kilograms) of marijuana, nine vessels and 20 aircraft were seized in the Caribbean.

But it's believed only about 20 per cent of drugs shipments are seized. "Four, five years ago if you found 50 pounds (23 kilograms) of cocaine, it was a lot," said Jaime Echeverria, in charge of US customs in Puerto Rico. "Today, shipments easily have 1,200 pounds (540 kilograms)."

Echeverria said that because Caribbean islands are small, smugglers know there is little radar to track air traffic.

"There are three radars to detect planes in Puerto Rico, but things such as tropical weather and maintenance often incapacitate their ability to spot planes," he said.

Fernandez said law enforcers and drug smugglers play a "cat-and-mouse game."

"They have the resources and all the possible technology to detect where our efforts are," he said. "As soon as they know where we are, they shift. Then we shift."



Two workers clean up inside the city of room of one of Colombia's leading newspapers after a bomb damaged much of the complex early Saturday in Bogota. (Reuter wirephoto)



Wreckage litters the area where a powerful bomb blew up outside the offices of El Espectador Saturday in Bogota. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Publisher nominated

To run for presidency

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Sept. 3, (AP): The publisher of an opposition newspaper has been chosen as the presidential candidate of a 14-party coalition, to run against the leftist Sandinista government party in elections set for Feb. 25.

The choice of Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, 59, by the National Opposition Union yesterday came after two days of heated private debate by representatives of the 14 parties, whose ideologies range from communist to conservative.

Virgilio Godoy, the 55-year-old leader of the independent Liberal Party, was chosen as the coalition's vice-presidential candidate.

Coalition spokesman Rene Blandon told the Associated Press that supporters of businessman Enrique Bolanos for the vice-presidential candidacy were refusing to accept the final vote.

Blandon said the Chamorro-Godoy ticket received the minimum 10 votes out of the 14 possible to win the nomination. Three parties abstained and one vote was annulled.

"I'm going to repeat, in memory of my husband, the one thing he wanted for Nicaragua: that Nicaragua will once again be a republic," Mrs Chamorro told the crowd.

The fact that Mrs Chamorro does not belong to any party, her widespread recognition and her image as a strong pro-democracy figure made her a formidable opposition choice for the

presidential nomination.

Although Bolanos and Godoy also had been mentioned as possible presidential contenders, each was seen as too committed to their own ideologies to be a unifying symbol for such a diverse coalition.

Bolanos, an upper-class businessman whose land has been confiscated by the Sandinistas as punishment for his outspoken criticism, was viewed as leaning too far to the right and being too pro-business.

The one thing on which nearly all anti-Sandinista groups agree: their only chance of defeating the ruling Sandinista front is through a united opposition.

Mrs Chamorro's weakness, however, is her lack of political and administrative experience.



Godoy, nominated

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, Sept. 3, (Reuter): President George Bush goes on television on Tuesday to unveil a \$7.8 billion anti-drug strategy that will be less flashy but far more substantive than his predecessor's "just say no" campaign.

Bush has put drugs at the top of his agenda from the first day of his presidency when he pledged in his inaugural address that "this scourge will stop."

His decision to detail his

programme in a televised address from the Oval Office, his first as President, is designed to establish his leadership on an issue that polls show is the foremost public concern.

Former President Ronald Reagan never spelled out a comprehensive anti-drug strategy and a year after he and his wife Nancy made a televised appeal in 1986 for Americans to stop using drugs, he presented a budget that called for a reduction in anti-drug spending.

## Panama calls for better ties

PANAMA CITY, Panama, Sept. 3, (AP): Panama's new provisional president began his first day in office yesterday after appealing for normal relations with the United States and asking Latin American countries for their support.

It was an uphill battle on both fronts.

The US government considers new President Francisco Rodriguez a puppet of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, commander of the Defense Forces. Noriega has been indicted by a US grand jury on drug trafficking charges, and the United States wants him ousted from power.

A grand jury is a panel of citizens who review evidence and decide whether a case should go to trial and, if so, which charges should be filed.

US President George Bush's government said Friday it would tighten its economic sanctions against the Panamanian government, trying to more directly target Noriega and his associates.

Rodriguez met yesterday with leaders of the government's Revolutionary Democratic Party and other officials to try to form a cabinet.

In a speech Friday night Rodriguez called on the US government "to rid itself of the inventions of myths created by ... previous administrations."

He asked for Latin American solidarity, urging South American governments to resist US pressures to condemn Panama.

Venezuela and Costa Rica have been openly critical of the Panamanian government and have asked for Noriega's resignation.

Of the larger Latin American democracies, only Mexico and Ecuador now have ambassadors in Panama. At least eight Latin American countries have withdrawn their ambassadors or called them home for consultations in a sign of displeasure that the May 7 election was annulled.

International observers say the opposition won the elections.

# Newspaper office blown up in Bogota

Colombian media threatened

BOGOTA, Sept. 3, (Reuter): A powerful bomb yesterday caused extensive damage at a leading Colombian newspaper which is a crusader against the drug trade, killing one person and injuring 83 others.

The 200-pound (90 kilo) bomb exploded outside the offices of the 102-year-old El Espectador daily newspaper. Eleven of the injured were seriously hurt.

"The Extraditables," a shadowy group linked to powerful drug barons who recently declared war on the government, claimed responsibility for the blast.

The group made its claim in two telephone calls to the newspaper's office in the Caribbean city of Cartagena. The callers warned that their war "has only just begun," but did not elaborate, according to an El Espectador spokesman who requested anonymity for security reasons.

Bogota police spokeswoman Mary Flores said 83 people had been injured, including those who had suffered cuts and bruises.

The Red Cross said one of the victims arrived at its hospital fatally wounded. It did not identify the person but an El Espectador executive said the dead person was a staff member.

The bomb, hidden in a van at a petrol station next door to the newspaper, destroyed about eight vehicles and levelled the filling station, while blowing out windows and inflicting heavy damage on buildings in an extensive area around the paper.

Though the newspaper's two-storey office building was severely damaged it said its presses had not been affected and it would not shut down. It said an abbreviated edition of the paper today would blame traffickers for the attack and urge the government to continue its two-week-old crackdown on drug traffickers.

A metropolitan police spokeswoman said the police and military took immediate steps to beef up security throughout this city of five million people after the early-morning attack.

She said the attack had unleashed a wave of "telephone terrorism" and that virtually every newspaper, television and radio station in the capital had received bomb threats.

"The media is threatened," the spokeswoman said.

El Espectador columnist Maria Jimena Duzan said the paper had received a letter on Thursday warning it of an imminent attack.

The letter was signed by several reputed Medellin cartel drug lords, including Pablo Escobar, she said. Escobar was indicted on charges of ordering the killing of El Espectador's former publisher, Guillermo Cano.

Cano, an outspoken critic of drug traffickers, was gunned down about two blocks from the newspaper in December 1986.

Cano's brother, El Espectador president Luis Alberto Cano, said that about the same time he learned of yesterday's bomb attack he found out that his vacation home on Rosario Island off Colombia's Caribbean coast had been burned down.

The blast was one of more than a score across Colombia since the government enacted emergency measures, including the revival of an extradition treaty with the United States, to fight drug traffickers on August 18.

Police initially said that a delivery driver for the newspaper had been killed in the attack. But the press office of the Bogota police department said late yesterday that no one had been killed. El Espectador confirmed to the Associated Press that its driver was still alive, but said he was severely injured.

Also yesterday, police released documents showing that the reputed No. 2 member of the Medellin cocaine cartel, Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, owned at least 408 businesses. "This guy probably didn't know exactly what he had," said a police colonel on condition of anonymity.

News reports said Colombian properties owned by drug lords could be worth \$5.5 billion.

A Colombian Defence Ministry source, meanwhile, confirmed yesterday that the first US military advisers had arrived in the country to prepare for the arrival of \$65 million worth of military hardware.

The source, who is working with the advisers, said a team of eight had arrived from Panama and was "doing nothing more than setting up a mobile communications unit to co-ordinate the arrival of the military equipment."

He denied reports that any of the US military aid had arrived in Colombia.

The first of two US cargo planes to be delivered to the Colombian government landed yesterday at Howard Air Force Base in Panama loaded with spare parts.

Meanwhile, in London, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has pledged an "extensive package of aid" to Colombian President Virgilio Barco Vargas in his fight against his country's drug

cocaine used in the United States. At the same time, he will seek to protect himself politically by assigning responsibility for the drug problem to all levels of government as well as individuals.

"Local governments and state government have to recognise drugs are a top priority," a senior White House aide explained.

"This is a national strategy that has a federal component," he said. "But it also has a state component, a

local component, a user component and an international component."

In addition to prescribing more money for prisons and tougher penalties for drug peddlars, Bush will call for increased education and new sanctions against casual drug users.

Rob Kutz of the Brookings Institution public policy group is among those who say training the demand for drugs is a critical part of any anti-drug strategy.

"The outcome will hinge on what the United States does to cut demand for drugs and give the Colombians the will to deal with it and brutal organisations," said Kutz.

For the most part, law enforcement agencies have concentrated on disrupting the supply of drugs by seeking to intercept shipments. Capture of smugglers and confiscation of drugs has increased sharply in recent years without making a serious dent in drug use.



Ochoa rides one of his horses on his ranch near Medellin. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Put up or shut up

Talk isn't cheap

BOGOTA, Sept. 3, (Reuter): Journalists seeking an interview with the father of three of Colombia's billionaire drug lords must pay the equivalent of \$1,250.

"For 500,000 pesos (\$1,250), in cash, you can come and I'll be pleased to receive you," Fabio Ochoa Restrepo, 65, told a Reuter reporter who wanted to talk to him about the war between the Colombian government and drug traffickers.

On Thursday, Ochoa made at least \$2,500 — money he said was "for the poor" — by granting a brief interview to a British television channel and a longer one to a French television crew at his sumptuous ranch overlooking the city of Medellin, known as Colombia's drug capital.

A French journalist for the TF1 Channel said Ochoa insisted on seeing the money as they were driving to the ranch before starting the conversation.

"After that he was quite relaxed, even forthcoming," the journalist said.

Ochoa's sons, Jorge Luis, Fabio Jr and Juan David are all on the United States 12 "most wanted" list of drug traffickers that Washington wants extradited from Colombia to stand trial in US courts.

barons, the Sunday Telegraph reported.

The weekly said Thatcher, in response to Barco's appeal for international assistance, is ready to send communications and surveillance equipment to Colombia immediately and has invited the President to speak at an international drugs conference in London next year.

Britain last week offered technical assistance and training to Colombia, including equipment for use in drug detection and advice on protecting Colombian judges from assassins.

There was no immediate official confirmation of the latest offer.

The Sunday Times reported British customs officers have been told to check suspect cargoes on ferries across the English Channel because Colombian cocaine is being smuggled into

British ports from Spain disguised in fish and shellfish.

It said a Spanish gang uses fast motor boats to collect drug consignments from a South American ship in international waters off Spain. The drugs are then disguised at fish-packing plants around the ports of La Coruna and Vigo before dispatch to Britain, France and the Netherlands in refrigerated trucks, it said.

The weekly quoted detective superintendent Geoff Wood of the National Drugs Intelligence unit at Scotland Yard police headquarters as saying: "The American market is saturated so the cartels are sneaking into Europe through the back door."

Some 4,000 Spanish police made raids in 40 Spanish resorts last week, seizing drugs and arresting 400 persons.



# Pinks 'to win' in Spain

Poll shows 77 per cent support

MADRID, Sept. 3 (AP) — A majority of Spaniards polled thinks the Socialist Party will win an unprecedented third term in Oct. 29 elections, a newspaper said today.

Seventy-seven per cent of 800 people polled said they expected Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez and his Socialist Party would win a third parliamentary majority, according to the survey conducted for the leading daily El Pais.

Gonzalez called the early elections Friday, saying the party governing Spain needed a clear mandate to prepare for the competitive situation by the end of

1992, when the 12 members of the European Economic Community drop all trade barriers between one another.

The Socialists won a landslide victory in October 1982 and another legislative majority in June 1986.

The poll indicated that Spaniards who normally vote for other parties also believe the Socialists would win a third legislative term.

Only two per cent of those polled believed the main opposition Conservative Popular Party would win.

People's Front calls strike

## Crowd jams Baku

MOSCOW, Sept. 3 (AP) — Supporters of the People's Front of Azerbaijan jammed the main square in the capital Baku yesterday and called a general strike to press political demands, an activist said.

The strike will begin tomorrow at factories, offices and schools throughout the southern republic to back demands including the recall of Azerbaijan's national parliamentary delegation and an end to direct rule from Moscow over the Nagorno-Karabakh region, said People's Front activist Aiden Amirbekov.

Meanwhile, Tass reported that Azerbaijan authorities had rejected a declaration of independence by Armenian activists in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Also yesterday, a Ukrainian activist in Moscow reported that thousands of people gathered at rallies throughout that Soviet republic to criticise a republican election law.

Amirbekov estimated in a telephone interview that a million people jammed Lenin Square in Baku carrying blue, red and gold Azerbaijan flags and banners with slogans demanding an end to interference by the Kremlin in the republic's affairs.

Officials at the republic's interior and foreign affairs ministries, reached by telephone, said they could not comment on the rally. Telephones at the official Azerinform news agency did not answer.

The rally was peaceful, and there were no efforts by the government to discourage it, Amirbekov said.

Nagorno-Karabakh, an autonomous region of Azerbaijan since the mid-1920s, has been the subject of a bitter dispute between Azerbaijan and neighbouring Armenia for 18 months.

About 75 per cent of the population of the region is ethnic Armenian. They and Armenian activists are demanding that Armenia be allowed to annex Nagorno-Karabakh.

Clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis have killed 100 people and forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes.

## Call to stop Soviet unrest

MOSCOW, Sept. 3 (Reuters)

Polish conservative Yegor Ligachev has urged political action to stop the rising tide of nationalist unrest in outlying Soviet republics but said the government must not be repressive or dictatorial.

As his comments were broadcast on television yesterday evening, 100,000 people were demonstrating in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku for more autonomy from the Kremlin.

Ukrainian sources said almost as many people had rallied in four cities to demand changes in a draft election law, while in Estonian, Communist Party activists gathered to discuss proposals to make the local party more independent from Moscow.

Ligachev said political measures were needed to stop attacks on the party, the army, the KGB and the Soviet Union itself.

"Nationalists and separatists of various lines are actively working to disintegrate and weaken the leadership," he said.

"We must take measures. But not repressive measures, not dictatorial measures, but political measures," he said, adding that party unity must be restored.

Ligachev did not elaborate. But as the former ideology chief and Kremlin number two, his words will be taken as a serious warning to the restive Soviet periphery, particularly the Baltic republics, Transcaucasia and Moldavia.

His comments came a day after a similar call for action to stop unrest by former KGB Chief Viktor Chebrikov and one week after a central committee declaration accusing those whom it called Baltic extremists of trying to tear the country apart.

Ominous

Absent has been any direct public statement by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, which makes the warnings from less reform-minded figures like Ligachev seem all the more ominous to nationalist activists who fear a crackdown is in the making.

However, Ligachev may have been trying to calm fears that Moscow might use troops against nationalist protesters with his comment that the government should not be repressive.

Gorbachev is on holiday, but an official Soviet spokesman said last week that he had personally approved the central committee declaration aimed at Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

In his absence the Communist Party daily Pravda has taken a sharp turn to the right and campaigned for 10 days straight against growing demands for autonomy and sometimes outright independence in some of the non-Russian republics.

At the Baku rally, there were passionate appeals for a general strike from tomorrow to back demands for local autonomy and control over the dispute region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The region is on Azerbaijan, but its Armenian majority called last year for unification with Armenia. A Kremlin commission began running the region in January after more than 100 people died in clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis.

The Azerbaijani Popular Front, which collapsed the Baku protest, claims the Kremlin is pro-Armenian. The rally heard calls for the removal of Azerbaijani Communist Party chief Abdul Vezrov on the grounds that he was too obedient to Moscow.



A South African police water cannon drenches anti-apartheid demonstrators with purple dye as they clashed during a protest yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Love, not politics, is blind

## Breaking the rules

AZZADVILLE, South Africa, Sept. 3 (Reuters) — Werner Schmidtke is a rarity even in South Africa's bizarre political landscape: he has married someone of a different race but is voting for strict apartheid.

The 56-year-old white mine supervisor is not a politician, but he has caused amazement, and some embarrassment, in political circles by saying he wants this week's parliamentary elections to be won by the white supremacist Conservative Party (CP).

It is an unheard of opinion for a South African in a mixed marriage. Few in the land of apartheid brave the disapproval of family and friends to marry across the race barrier. Almost all who do fiercely oppose apartheid racial segregation.

German-born Schmidtke disconcerted rightists during the election campaign when he gave interviews to newspapers who had heard of his support of the CP.

The party wants to restore hardline apartheid and says the ruling National Party has gone soft on the non-white majority, which should live in its own "homelands" separate from whites.

"The CP's policy is that each race should live in its own area. I believe in that policy," Schmidtke, a rumpled, white-haired figure in a blazer and tie, told Reuters.

He explained his views on his childhood in Nazi-occupied Poland, where he says he lived from 1939-45 with his father who was posted there as a government official.

"There I saw all kinds of oppression by the Germans against the Poles... I learnt that each

race must rule itself," he said, adding he learnt only later about the scores of concentration camps in Poland where the Nazis murdered millions of Jews.

He moved here after marrying a white South African woman. They divorced but he stayed on and took citizenship.

The CP said it was delighted it had Schmidtke's support but admitted his marriage would be illegal if it came to power.

That is an unlikely prospect as the NP has a large majority in the white chamber of parliament. Schmidtke is optimistic about the CP's political futures even if it does not come to power in the September 6 election.

"The 'nats' need a strong opposition and the CP would do an excellent job," he said, glancing adoringly at his wife Shameen, 33 and 18-month-old daughter Nadia, who has been classified as "Indian" under apartheid procedures.

Shameen, a striking looking woman who appeared extremely fond of her husband, said they had discussed the elections at length but declined to comment on his politics, saying only:

"I believe in freedom of living and freedom of speech... He's not a racist, otherwise he would never have married me." She added: "He is part of me — one soul."

When Schmidtke married Shameen he converted to her religion, Islam, took the name Yousuf as a mark of piety, and after 18 months left a luxury house in a whites-only area to live in the "Indian" township of Azzadville near Johannesburg.

# Blacks raid white beach

Protest largely tolerated

DURBAN, South Africa, Sept. 3 (Agencies) — Riot police made about 50 arrests as thousands of blacks marched, picknicked and waded at a "whites-only" beach today in a nationwide defiance campaign.

Organisers of the protest, which was allowed to take place for more than two hours, claimed a victory over segregation and vowed further acts of defiance. Estimates of the crowd ranged from 5,000 to 10,000.

Several dozen whites, some carrying whips and wearing "Whites only" T-shirts, yelled abuse as the protesters paraded along Addington beach, a segregated section of South Africa's most heavily frequented beachfront.

Other sections of the hotel-lined shore have been opened to all races in recent years. Several hundred officers were present, equipped with shotguns and a water cannon, but they made no efforts to stop the protesters from moving onto Addington beach.

In contrast, police used clubs and whips and arrested about 500 people yesterday in Cape Town to break up a planned protest march to Parliament.

After about two and a half hours, police announced that the protest was illegal and began moving the crowd away. Several dozen people who resisted were arrested, protests leaders said.

At a news conference afterwards, protest leaders said they considered the event a success. "It's the dawn of a new age," said the Rev. Stanley Mogoba, a prominent Methodist leader.

More than 1,300 people, including Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, have been arrested since Wednesday in connection with the "defiance campaign." Most have been released pending possible court action.

The campaign began Aug 2 and has intensified steadily as Wednesday's parliamentary election nears. The segregated vote excludes the black majority.

Major anti-apartheid groups plan a two-day national protest — probably including a general strike — for Tuesday and Wednesday.

The majority of the beach protesters were youths, many wearing yellow caps with the slogan "Free the Beaches." The crowd included many Indians and some whites as well as

blacks.

Local police officials had warned activists last week that the protest could trigger violence, and some roadblocks were set up to keep protesters away from the beach.

Police reported that several small bombs exploded Friday night in trash bins along the beachfront. Near the bins, pamphlets purportedly written by white right-wing extremists warned activists not to proceed with the protest.

The defiance campaign also has targeted segregated hospitals, schools and buses. Many activists have defied restrictions imposed on their freedom of speech and association following their release from detention, and several banned organisations have declared that they were resuming operations.

Protesters were whipped by police at a defiance protest at a whites-only beach near Cape Town on Aug 19. At least two cabinet ministers of the governing National Party have expressed regret for that incident, but the government has given no public indication that it is ready to make major changes in remaining segregation laws.

Meanwhile, municipal workers removed "whites only" signs from parks in a South African town this weekend after a landmark court case ruled them illegal.

Legal experts say the decision, now being used as precedent for similar cases elsewhere, signalled the beginning of the end for the Separate Amenities Act, one of the most important pillars of apartheid legislation.

White workers were drafted in to remove the signs — black workers had gone for the weekend — ahead of tomorrow's deadline imposed by the Pretoria Supreme Court on Carletonville Council.

The court last week ruled that council duties extended not simply to the white electorate but to the entire community and that Carletonville was therefore negligent in its trusteeship of the public interest by excluding blacks from the park.

Britain's main opposition Labour Party today condemned the "silence" of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at the "vicious mass repression" taking place in South Africa in the run-up to next week's elections there.

Battle in Angolan town

## Fierce fighting on

LISBON, Sept. 3 (AP) — Government troops and US-backed Unita rebels were fighting a fierce battle for control of the south-eastern Angolan town of Mavinga, the Portuguese news agency, Lusa, reported yesterday.

In a report from the Angolan capital of Luanda, Lusa cited unnamed Angolan sources as saying government advance units had reached the outskirts of Mavinga after more than a week of heavy fighting.

Both sides suffered heavy losses, Lusa quoted the sources as saying. Government forces lost three Soviet-built MiG-23 combat airplanes and a Gazelle helicopter, the report said.

According to the report, Unita's determined resistance to the government attack indicated Mavinga holds a vital strategic position in the defence of the rebel's bush headquarters at Jamba.

However, the Luanda sources said government fighters had managed to cross three rivers regarded as natural barriers to the advance on Mavinga and were threatening the town, Lusa reported.

The rebel Voice of the Black Rooster radio station reported government troops near Mavinga Monday were retreating towards the town of Cuito Cuanavale.

Government and rebel officials estimate hundreds of people have died in the latest clashes, which follow the breakdown on a June 22 truce in Angola's 14-year civil war.

WARSAW, Sept. 3 (Agencies)

Solidarity Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki is close to forming a government after agreeing to give the Communist Party more than 20 per cent in his cabinet, Solidarity sources said today.

They said Mazowiecki's proposals — for the first postwar Polish government not dominated by communists — could be disclosed to Solidarity members of Parliament by Tuesday.

Mazowiecki, a veteran Solidarity activist is trying to knit together a coalition with the small Peasant and Democratic parties that would include the communists.

However, working out an unaccustomed minority cabinet role for the communists after their 45 years in power has proved a tough challenge for Mazowiecki since Parliament confirmed his nomination as prime minister on Aug 24.

He warned after taking office that Poland could plunge into civil war if the communists were not given a sufficient role beyond the interior and defence ministries originally offered.

Yesterday he offered them an undisclosed number of additional posts at a meeting with party leader Mieczyslaw Rakowski, after Rakowski threatened to take the communists into opposition if they were not offered enough ministries.

The deal agreed then has not been disclosed and Rakowski said detailed talks were continuing. But he told reporters the proposals were realistic and answered communist demands.

Marian Orzechowski, leader of communist parliamentary deputies who will vote whether to approve the cabinet, also attended the meeting and echoed Rakowski's satisfaction.

Mazowiecki's offer "answers our proposal about the party having a share in the government which reflects its political force, a share which satisfies our party base," he said.

Solidarity sources say the communists have pressed for the finance and foreign ministries. The Peasant Party also wants the foreign ministry.

However, political sources say it may go to the communists under a deal giving Solidarity the committee for radio and television affairs, a cabinet post controlling the electronic mass



Mazowiecki: difficult media.

Three of the four Roman Catholic cardinals are standing by an agreement they signed with Jewish leaders to move a convent away from the Auschwitz death camp, they said today.

In a statement, the French and Belgian church leaders said Cardinal Joseph Glemp, the primate of Poland, "could only have been speaking for himself" — not for the church — in suggesting the accord be renegotiated.

Glemp was quoted on Saturday in Italian newspapers as saying it was "a scandal" to move the convent, as agreed to in Geneva in 1987 by a Jewish delegation and four Roman Catholic archbishops: Cardinal Franciszek Macharski of Krakow, Poland; Cardinal Godfried Danneels of Brussels; Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger of Paris; and Cardinal Albert Decourtray of Lyon, France.

Macharski said on Aug 19 that he was suspending the accord because of "aggressive" demands and protests by Jewish activists at the convent.

"I want this accord to be renegotiated," Glemp was quoted as saying. "It has to be done by competent people and not by just any cardinal who doesn't understand the things."

In their statement issued in Paris, Decourtray, Lustiger and Danneels defended the agreement, which they said was "patiently and loyally negotiated over two years," and the capacity of the negotiators on the two sides.

## US will control immigration of Jews

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (Reuters) — Large numbers of Soviet Jews would be ineligible for admission to the United States as refugees under plans drafted by the State Department and other federal agencies, the New York Times reported today.

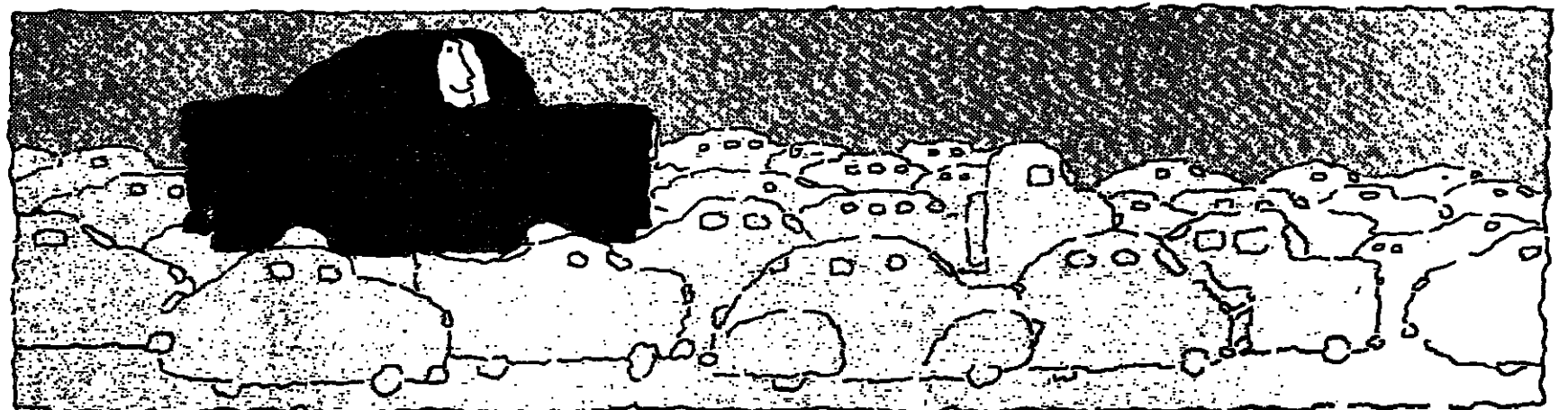
The newspaper said a likely effect would be to channel many would-be immigrants to Israel.

In addition the administration of President George Bush is opposing bills passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives that would make it easier for Soviet Jews to come to America as refugees.

The paper quoted unnamed State and Justice Department officials saying that allowing free immigration of Soviet Jews would impose immense resettlement costs on the US government.

Soviet Jewish emigration rose from 8,155 in 1987 to 18,965 last year and appears likely to exceed 48,000 this year, the paper quoted government officials as saying.

Under the State Department plan Soviet Jews who have no relatives in or ties to the United States would become ineligible for admission as refugees, the newspaper said.



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## Plan to sabotage Chogm

# Malaysia on full alert

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 3, (UPI): Police said they have identified several terrorist groups planning to sabotage the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (Chogm) next month.

Inspector General Haniff Omar said yesterday officials were monitoring the movements of group members with the help of certain "friendly foreign powers."

He said these nations were assisting by providing information on the various groups, which he did not identify.

"We are also receiving advice from these friendly

countries in coping with security arrangements" for the seven-day meeting beginning Oct 18.

Haniff said police were trying to outmanoeuvre the terrorists. "We believe the groups will try to take full advantage of the summit meeting of so many heads of government to carry out terrorist acts."

"We are stepping up security although we do not have information concerning any specific threat," he added.

Forty-seven heads of Commonwealth countries will be attending the session. They will be staying in Kuala Lumpur and on Langkawi Island, a resort.



Scaling to freedom

A group of Vietnamese boat people continue to leave the Sek Kong Vietnamese boat people detention centre by scaling a newly-erected fence. The 17-foot fence has so far failed to prevent the detainees from leaving the centre where rioting broke out on Sept 2 killing one Vietnamese and injuring 14 others. The picture shows only the topmost part of the fence. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Vietnam says no to multi-party system

### Reforms in Poland criticised

BANGKOK, Sept 3, (AP): Speaking about changes sweeping the communist world, Vietnamese leader Nguyen Van Linh has rejected any multi-party system and the hastening of democratic reform in his country.

In a 10,000-word speech seen today in Bangkok, Linh stressed that liberalisation would come in the economy rather than in political life.

"It is not our policy to hasten renovation of the political system while preparations are still inadequate," Linh said.

"Neither is it our intention to effect limitless democratisation."

Linh, regarded as an economic reformer who has taken some steps toward political liberalisation, spoke at a meeting on Friday in Hanoi to mark Vietnam's National Day.

The Vietnamese media has criticised liberal reforms in Hungary and Poland.

Linh said that while Vietnam believed in the restructuring and reform occurring in some socialist countries, there were "opposi-

tion forces of all colours which are misusing liberalisation and openness to fish in troubled waters."

He accused the United States and others in the West of trying to undermine the socialist camp and launching "frenzied attacks against socialism."

"In a relatively short period of time, socialism has demonstrated its great vitality as a social regime which is to irrevocably replace capitalism in the evolution of modern history," he said.

However, Linh said capitalist-style reforms would continue and noted that over the past two years since such reforms were introduced the economy has "picked up briskly."

Linh said that economic relations with all countries should be expanded, but added: "Yet, we firmly fight the lifestyle and decadent culture of the bourgeoisie and any other imperialist tendencies."

"We shall not allow any force to set up any opposition party to work against the people and against socialism," he said.

## Refugees stretch HK to the limit

HONG KONG, Sept 3, (Reuter): Vietnamese boat people, once given help by a reluctant Hong Kong to resettle in third countries, have now become one of the British colony's biggest headaches with little prospect of an end in sight.

Sporadic violence among the 55,301 boat people jammed into camps and detention centres and a major outbreak of cholera have left the Hong Kong government's ability to deal with the situation stretched to the limit.

A riot yesterday at a camp in Sek Kong, northern Hong Kong, saw one man killed, a number injured and scores of handmade weapons unearthed.

There have now been five serious outbreaks of violence in Hong Kong's camps this year and a number of smaller scuffles between rival gangs and factions.

"This cycle is inevitable," said a refugee worker.

"There's an initial period after they arrive here when they are compliant and then the sheer boredom, coupled with the knowledge that their only option is to go back to Vietnam, produces a highly-charged atmosphere," he said.

International aid agencies and the government, often at odds over treatment of boat people, agree on one thing at least — the camps are vastly overcrowded and this year's influx of more than 30,000 has only added to the misery.

Until the beginning of the year, various international agencies and voluntary bodies were able to offer a variety of activities to keep the boat people occupied, including sports, language classes and workshops.

But a chronic shortage of space meant many activities had to be curtailed as the authorities worked frantically to fit new arrivals in.

A visit to a camp leaves a lasting impression.

In Sham Shui Po, a former British army depot in the heart of the densely-populated Kowloon peninsula, families live in stacked bunks, their meagre possessions piled in a corner.

There is no privacy. Young men gather listlessly in groups, and naked children run around.

On Tai A Chan, in the remote Soko islands, things are far worse with boat people living under temporary shelters or in converted pigsties. Refuse and litter rot on the pathways of a once beautiful wooded island.

A beach once used for swimming is piled with human excrement, and from the air a huge slick of polluted water stretching from the sand can be seen.

It was here that the cholera outbreak started on Wednesday, with 16 confirmed cases by today and an unconfirmed number of people under observation.

The Hong Kong government, which was criticised by Oxfam, the Save the Children Fund and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for conditions on the island, has announced that the 4,500 people remaining there will be evacuated later this week.

Officials admit this will put further pressure on the system as they try to find space for the Tai A Chan inmates.

## Beirut family caught in the crossfire

# Life on the front line

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Sept 3, (AP): For Fuad Abboud and his family in Christian East Beirut, it is a triumph just to get through the day.

They are without water and electricity and have little fuel for cooking because of almost-constant Syrian bombardment and blockade of supplies.

Even the most mundane chores — washing dishes, cooking meals, doing the shopping, taking a shower — are a challenge.

Most of Beirut's 1.5 million people, Christians and Muslim alike, have fled. But the Abbouds and the others who have stayed on keep the city's pulse beating, however faintly clinging tenaciously to the splinters of their lives despite the catastrophe that has befallen them.

"I dreamt we had electricity last night," said Abboud's 13-year-old daughter, Rania. "In my dream I even saw light streaming from one of the rooms."

Half-asleep, she got up to turn on the stereo she hadn't been able to play for weeks.

"Then I realised that the light came from the candle," she said softly.

Abboud, 60, a calligrapher; his wife, Hiyam, 47; Rania and her brother, Rabih, 17, live in Hazmieh, one of the most dangerous neighbourhoods in East Beirut.

They live on the second floor of a five-storey apartment block near the green line that divides the city into Christian and Muslim sectors, the front line in Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

The area has been heavily shelled by the Syrian Army in its 5-month-old battle with the mostly Christian Army.

"Every building around them has been hit at least once. Theirs has not. Luckily, it's surrounded by taller structures."

One of their neighbours was killed recently, caught in the streets during a surprise barrage as he returned from a bakery that opened during a lull.

The Abbouds' water taps are dry, their beds unused because it's too dangerous to sleep in them. The refrigerator serves as a cupboard. The washing machine is silent, the lights out, the television dark.

Water and electricity were cut off months ago.

Mrs Abboud has moved her favourite dresses from her bedroom in the outer, exposed part of the apartment to a hallway in the apartment for safety. Not that she wears them anyway. Social life stopped months ago. No one goes out these days unless they must.

Mrs Abboud doesn't bother with makeup anymore and usually wears a loose, ankle-length Arabic gown known as an abaya around the apartment.

"I've forgotten what it's like to be a woman," she said with a wistful smile.

The family's food is kept in a generator-run refrigerator — the only one in their block that's still working — in the next-door apartment occupied by a widow, Fadwa Azar, and her son.

The Abbouds long for cold drinks; there is no room for soft drinks in Mrs Azar's refrigerator. A hot meal is rare. The family hasn't tasted ice cream or chilled fruit since the fighting broke out March 8.

Their apartment block doesn't have an underground shelter, as many buildings do. So most nights the Abbouds sleep squeezed together on mattresses and quilts on the floor of a stuffy, unventilated hall in Mrs Azar's apartment at the rear of the building, less vulnerable to the shelling.

"Our life is dictated by the whims of the fighters," Mrs Abboud said bitterly. "We sleep and eat and we go to work when they allow us."

Most firearms are the 240mm and 180mm mortars that the Syrians fire. The heavy-caliber weapons were designed to knock out underground military bunkers, bridges and airstrips. But they're being used against apartment and office buildings, causing awesome damage and many casualties.

"They're a nightmare," Rabih said. "We almost don't mind what the Syrians fire any more — except those damned 240s and 180s."

On one recent day, the Abbouds were awakened at 5 am the rumble of fighting along the green line made sleep impossible and they headed for the hallway in Mrs Azar's apartment.

The fighting subsided two hours later. The Abbouds wearily returned to their apartment, sticky from the humid summer heat and rubbing cramped legs and stiff necks.

"I'd give anything, anything for one week of sleeping in my own bed," Mrs Abboud sighed.

Since the shower doesn't work, everyone washed with just half a bucketful of water. Mrs Abboud said they once went without washing for four days because the shelling was so heavy no one could go out to bring water.



Meal time

Sumaya, a Lebanese Sunni Muslim girl, feeds her 3-year-old brother Sami. Sumaya and her family

lived the carnage of Beirut to live in a tent at a beach in the city of Sidon. (Reuter wirephoto)

When there's gasoline to be found and the shelling stops, Rabih drives through the rubble-strewn streets to fill six 10-litre (2-1/4 gallon) plastic canisters with water from a spring in the neighbouring Ashrafieh District, a constant target for the Syrians.

His mother frets while he's out, praying he'll get home before the shelling starts again.

The family needs about 60 litres (13-1/2 gallons) a day for drinking, washing dishes, makeshift showers for bathing, flushing toilets and keeping the house clean.

To conserve, Mrs Abboud has learned to wash the dishes in a bucket, then use the water to flush the toilet.

Many Beirutis use bottled water for "showers." One woman said: "I use one for the front and another for the back."

At 8 am one recent day, Mrs Abboud sent Rania to fetch cheese, milk and yoghurt from Mrs Azar's "collective fridge."

Rania returned empty-handed. Mrs Azar was out and Rania couldn't get into her apartment. The Abbouds made do with stale bread dipped in olive oil and thyme.

Abboud goes to the local bakery, if it's open, three days a week at 5 am on good days, he'll have to wait in line only an hour.

Sugar also is in short supply, much to Rabih's chagrin; he likes his tea sweet.

After breakfast, Abboud looked out the window at the street below.

"When I see people in the street, I reckon it's safe to go to work," said Abboud, whose office is a 10-minute walk from his apartment block.

There was some traffic this day, so he

made a run for it. He wore a wrinkled shirt because with no electricity his wife can't iron clothes.

After he left, his wife fidgeted nervously until he telephoned to say he'd arrived safely.

Abboud earns 80,000 Lebanese pounds (\$160) a month and, unlike many Lebanese, gets paid regularly. He also does freelance work at home, and his eldest son, Fadi, 26, who works in Liberia, regularly sends back money.

Asked why he hadn't joined the exodus from Beirut, Abboud said a family cottage in the mountains at Bikfaya, overlooked by Muslim forces, is just as exposed as the Beirut's apartment.

Schools have been closed for five months. But Rabih and his sister do school work at home and turn it in to their teachers every two weeks, when they receive new assignments.

Their father nags them to study for two hours a day. But Rabih said: "It's really hard because I just can't concentrate."

Mrs Abboud makes sure everyone's there when she makes a meal because gas for cooking is scarce and she doesn't want to waste it to reheat food.

At 8 pm Mrs Azar turned on her television set, which is hooked to the generator, to watch the main evening newscast on the Christian network.

Everyone listened intently to learn which areas had been hit, who'd been killed.

But when the announcer started reading news, Mrs Azar said curtly: "Switch it off. The world doesn't care about us, why should we care what's happening to them?"

## Amir arrives amid...

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Budimir Loncar told a news conference.

But, as foreign ministers haggled over the text of the statement over the weekend, hardliners like Cuba, North Korea and Libya reinstated long-standing attacks on "imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism." Moderate delegates balanced this with stronger references to the need for human rights.

About 60 heads of state and government were expected for the three-yearly summit. Several voiced hopes like the three Arab leaders, for more effective action by the non-aligned group as they landed at Belgrade's Surcin airport.

"I expect and hope that we will be able to deal in a strong way with the problems that we have," Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told reporters. "I expect more efficient decisions."

The draft declaration that the summit will discuss praises the improvement in US-Soviet ties for promoting peace prospects throughout the world, but delegates said this itself was a point at issue.

Yugoslav spokesman Cvijeto Job said several countries thought the statement too optimistic.

"Their argument is that the Third World bears the brunt of détente, that the Third World is sinking and that economic issues are not covered by détente," he said.

"The response of other countries is that détente is good because it leads to an overall decrease in tensions."

Among the regional conflicts likely to cause trouble at the gathering, Afghanistan was shaping up today as one of the most divisive.

Afghan President Najibullah appeared headed for problems as soon as he arrived in Belgrade with Pakistan objecting strongly to a draft declaration on his war-torn country.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who supports the Afghan government, is expected to back-calls for a new initiative to resolve the civil war between Kabul and Islamabad-backed Muslim rebels.

But Pakistan, which has fought three wars against India, rejects the idea as too likely to favour Najibullah.

On the Gulf, Iran and Iraq, which ended an eight-year war last year but have made no progress in peace talks showed rare unanimity in rejecting a non-aligned resolution urging them to settle their differences.

Delegates expected any resolution adopted to be greatly watered down. The Iraqi and Iranian presidents are not attending.

Delegates also feared that hostility between Arab rivals Syria and Iraq would hamper efforts to make an effective statement on the fighting in Lebanon.

Iraq is arming Lebanese Christian forces who are battling Syrian troops and their Lebanese Muslim allies in Beirut.

Many non-aligned countries share a common problem of debt. The developing nations together owe an estimated \$1.3 trillion and the summit will appeal to the rich countries to write off the debt of the poorest nations.

But here too there are divisions. Several heavily indebted Latin American countries believe the debtors should discuss the issue with creditor nations rather than among themselves.

The summit is expected to point up the problem of protecting the environment which the draft statement says "has emerged as a major global concern."

The statement says the advanced countries are basically to blame for the problem, but that the non-aligned nations are ready to play their part to resolve it.

Radical African nations have flatly demanded that creditor countries write off their debts, but Loncar in his news conference suggested only the poorest countries facing financial ruin be granted that favour.

Khaddafi was one of few Arab heads of state who arrived in the Yugoslav capital today. The leaders of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia have decided not to attend, dashing hopes of a breakthrough in regional feuds.

"There were great hopes that the presence of heads of state especially of Syria, Iran and Iraq would bring about some breakthrough," one Arab diplomat said.

The missing leaders will be represented by vice presidents or foreign ministers.

Iraq's First Vice-President Taha Yassin Ramadan said on arrival he did not expect a resumption of deadlocked peace talks with Iran.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



Sphinx ahoy!

Out for a sail, sailors watch a seemingly out of place 45 foot Sphinx being hauled into Toronto Harbour Sept 2. The Sphinx is to be used in the opera Aida as part of the set. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Cambodia conflict:** The Association of South East Asian Nations will continue to seek peaceful solutions to the Cambodian conflict despite the failure of the international conference on Cambodia to achieve a permanent settlement among the four warring factions. Foreign Minister Abu Hassan said late yesterday.

Abu Hassan, speaking to reporters on his return from France after attending the 19-nation conference on Cambodia that ended Wednesday, said it was unfortunate that five main issues could not be resolved, and that the three-day meeting closed without a peace accord. (AP)

**3 Soviets killed:** Three people digging for scrap metal in Orenburg, in the south Urals, were killed in an explosion when they accidentally ruptured a gas main. Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya said today.

It said they had strayed into a closed industrial area and ruptured the pipe while digging up a piece of scrap metal. (Reuter)

**Hurricane Gabrielle:** Hurricane Gabrielle started out strong and has surged to the 110-mile (175-kilometre) per hour mark as it churns westward across the mid-Atlantic, still far from land, forecasters said.

Gabrielle, the fourth hurricane of the Atlantic season, formed Thursday off the African Coast and quickly grew to hurricane force, 74 miles (115 kilometres) per hour or more.

At 10.30 pm last night (0230 GMT today), Gabrielle's centre was located about 1,100 miles (1,175 kilometres) east of the Lesser Antilles in the West Indies. It was moving west-northwest at 20 miles (32 kilometres) per hour. (AP)

**Cars pile-up:** A large number of people were injured today in a series of massive pile-ups involving a total of more than 100 automobiles in a West German highway near the city of Munich, police said.

A police spokesman said the crashes occurred this morning in heavy rain and poor visibility and were probably due to "too fast, bumper-to-bumper driving."

He said a large number of people were injured, many seriously, but said no figures were immediately available. (UPI)

**Nemeth sympathetic:** Premier Miklos Nemeth yesterday urged communists burdened with past mistakes to leave the party, saying those who cannot accept reform should feel free to split off into new political groupings.

Nemeth had been considered sympathetic to reformists even before he declared his outright support for them yesterday at a dinner given by the "reform circles" Congress.

"The party is not a goose that it should have (only) two wings," Nemeth declared, defending the right of different communist factions to have their own opinions. (AP)

**Battle to keep alive:** Experts tending for what are believed to be the first beaked whales in captivity say they are surprised the ailing animals have remained alive more than a week since their beaching.

"I didn't expect them to live through the (first) night; I didn't expect them to make it off

the truck and into the pool," said Dr Laurie Gage, veterinarian at Marine World-Africa USA.

But Gage and staff at the animal park where the whales were in stable but guarded condition yesterday conceded the mammals have poor chances of survival. (AP)

**FAA to discourage:** US officials and aviation experts are trying to discourage child pilots from trying record-breaking jaunts like an 11-year-old globe-trotting trip this summer.

"It leaves the public with the impression that there are a bunch of kids flying around out there, and that's simply not the case," Gabe Bruno, general manager of the US Federal Aviation Administration's general aviation operations branch, said Friday.

Tony Ahengena of San Juan Capistrano, accompanied by his licensed pilot father, Gary, because the youngest person to pilot a plane around the world with his 22,000-mile (35,400-kilometre) jaunt from June 5 through July 22. The "friendship flight" included numerous stops in the Soviet Union. (AP)

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# Israel gets upper hand in tax war with Palestinians

BETHLEHEM, occupied West Bank, Sept. 3, (AP): Israel has gotten the upper hand in a tax war with Palestinians, who mounted an anti-tax boycott as part of their revolt against Israeli occupation.

But the harsh methods Israel has used to enforce payment have left behind a residue of bitterness that Palestinians say only deepens their commitment to end 22 years of Israeli military rule.

Israel's army-run civil administration has forced payment of taxes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip by

demanding proof of tax payment before issuing almost all official documents, ranging from birth certificates to travel permits and export licences.

Soldiers and tax collectors have also raided homes to seize TV sets and stereos and set up surprise highway checkpoints, seizing cars as compensation for non-payment of taxes.

Makram Saad, a pharmacist in Bethlehem who has endured a series of tax raids, said Israel's policies have only strengthened his determination not to pay.

"You pay taxes to a legal government that is elected and you get services in return. We are getting nothing. We get closed schools, arrests. Why should we pay to have more guns to kill my people?" said Saad.

But Israel's determination to force tax payments has gradually worn down a boycott launched in early 1988 as part of a civil disobedience campaign encouraged by Palestinian-American leader Yasser Arafat, who was later deported.

By both Palestinian and Israeli estimates, most of the 1.7 million Arabs

in the occupied lands are now paying income and sales taxes. Underground leaflets no longer insist on compliance.

The military official said more Arabs were paying taxes now than before the intifada, or uprising, began Dec. 8, 1987, even though Arab tax collectors quit after being threatened by PLO groups.

Because of a sharp decline in the economy as a result of the uprising's strikes and boycotts, however, the Army has not yet collected enough money to fund the pre-uprising annual budget of \$239.3 million of the civil

administration.

"In real terms, we have succeeded in coming close to what we collected before the intifada, but a lot now goes to repairing damaged buildings, utility poles, etc., and little to new development," said the official.

Israeli sources said Yasser Arafat's PLO had funnelled at least \$300 million to the occupied territories in 1988 to compensate Palestinians for losses. But they said the figure was only about \$100 million in 1989 because donations from Arab oil states declined, making the continued tax boycott more difficult.

Dr Abdel Fattah Abu Shokor, a Palestinian economist at An Najah University in the West Bank, estimated the gross domestic product of the occupied lands fell 30 to 35 per cent in the past 20 months from about \$1.5 million in 1987. The jobless rate is also about 30 per cent, up from a pre-uprising level of 10 per cent.

He estimated 60 per cent of Palestinians avoided paying taxes in 1988, but conceded there was less compliance now with the boycott.

"The Israeli measures are not easy to avoid," he said.

## Rebels cling to post near Khost

KABUL, Sept. 3, (Agencies): Heavy Afghan air and artillery bombardments have failed to break the rebel hold on a strategic post near the border city of Khost, government sources and diplomats said today.

But the major assault by the US-backed rebels against the provincial capital appears to have stalled, they said.

Government sources and diplomats said the attack on Khost that began 10 days ago was aimed at gaining recognition from the non-aligned summit that starts in Belgrade, Yugoslavia tomorrow.

President Najibullah, who left for the summit yesterday, said in a statement released that he would seek support for his peace proposals at the conference.

In the Khost fighting, government sources said Afghan troops had recaptured three posts, but were still trying to take four more fortified positions lost in earlier fighting.

The most strategic of these is at Daragai, 10 miles (16 kilometres) south of city, from which the main supply routes from Pakistan can be controlled.

Khost, a provincial capital, just 20 kilometres (12 miles) from the Pakistani border, is considered the most vulnerable to rebel assault because supply lines are so short.

"We have felt a lot of pressure in the last week," said one government source, speaking on condition of anonymity. "The threat has diminished, but their effort has not collapsed."

The rebels issued a statement yesterday in Pakistan saying the Afghan Army had failed to take the position at Daragai.

The Afghan government source described the fighting around Khost as "serious."

The source said Khost remained secure because the strategic routes into the city were heavily mined. The government supplies its troops by air because the road has long been controlled by the rebels.

Government troops also have been fighting rebel assaults around the city of Jalalabad, 120 miles (190 kilometres) east of Kabul, and in the southeastern province of Kandahar, the officials said.

Kabul was quiet today, a day after rocket attacks killed 16 and injured 52.

Also today, the Afghan foreign ministry issued a statement attacking the United States for continuing to arm the Pakistani-based rebels.

Najibullah, speaking to the official news agency Bakhtar before his departure, said he would propose that the non-aligned summit set up a special committee to pursue his peace proposals.

Najibullah has proposed negotiating with the Muslim rebels, who for ten years have been fighting Marxist governments in Kabul. He also has proposed a six month ceasefire to be followed by nation-wide elections.

Afghan rebels yesterday demanded the right to represent their country at the non-aligned summit, saying Najibullah's government was illegal and a Soviet puppet.

A message to the summit host Yugoslavia said the seat should go to the Afghan Interim Government (AIG) proclaimed by the rebels in neighbouring Pakistan in February.

The message, made public in Islamabad by the rebels' news agency, was sent by Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, President of the interim government.

"I wish to point out the anomaly and injustice inherent in the occupation of the seat of Afghanistan in the Non-aligned Movement by the illegal Kabul regime," it said.

Afghanistan on Sunday denied there were any Soviet military advisers working with the government, despite US assertions that at least 300 Soviet advisers were helping Kabul.

## Troops given licence to kill

### Palestinians protest

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 3, (Reuters): Israel Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said today he is giving troops battling a Palestinian uprising greater freedom to open fire with live ammunition on masked suspects.

He did not explain the new rules in detail but his remarks to Israel Radio seemed to mean that measures already in force in the volatile and densely-populated Gaza Strip would soon apply in the occupied West Bank as well.

It was in the West Bank's largest town, Nablus, that troops raided a house yesterday and shot five wanted Palestinians, killing two and capturing the others.

Rabin said in a radio interview the raid was part of a new get-tough policy.

"Army forces will in the coming days get permission to act according to regulations for using live



ammunition when arresting masked suspects, day or night, and I believe we will succeed in taking care of them," Rabin said.

Palestinians in parts of the West Bank observed a commercial strike to protest against the Nablus killings.

In July, the Army relaxed firing orders in the Gaza Strip, allowing soldiers to open fire on masked Palestinians if they resisted arrest.

Palestinian activists in the West Bank and Gaza Strip cover their faces in keffiyehs, traditional Arab headgear, to avoid identification by the Army.

They say troops in the Gaza Strip have opened fire on masked Palestinian stone-throwers, graffiti writers and enforcers of uprising orders.

Rabin said the uprising, which began with masses of Arabs protesting in the streets of the occupied territories, was now being run by thousands of hardcore activists.

He alleged that Palestinians were divided following the Tunis congress of the PLO's mainstream Fatah faction last month. The congress passed resolutions calling for an increase in armed struggle and a harder line on peace.

Rabin and Labour Party leader Shimon Peres said last week the plan for a poll in the occupied territories was losing steam but Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir rejected the charge today.

"We couldn't have expected the moment we offered something we think is wise and good and fair that immediately the other side would accept it and swallow it. It is matter of just over three months and we know who we are dealing with here," Shamir said.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, Riyad Abba Salem Nasrallah, 30, from Gaza city was hacked to death with axes and shovels for allegedly collaborating with Israeli authorities, Arab sources said. Another Arab aged 15, was also severely beaten in Gaza on suspicion he aided Israel.

Meanwhile five Palestinians died and an Israeli soldier was killed by a cross-border infiltrator yesterday as violence surged through Israel and the Arab territories it occupies.

Troops shot dead two Palestinians and wounded three others in an ambush in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus.

The five Arabs, surrounded at a house in the Rafidia quarter, were sought by security forces for suspected killings of an Israeli soldier and alleged collaborators with Israel.

Military sources said the Palestinians were armed with a hand grenade, an axe, a sword and ammunition. The three wounded Palestinians were arrested.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today Israel will not ask the United States to stop PLO leader Yasser Arafat attending this month's United Nations General Assembly.



An Israeli soldier wounded in an attack by an armed infiltrator from Jordan is being carried by other soldiers. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Prevent raids, Jordan asked

### Israel warns against infiltration

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 3, (Agencies): Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned Jordan today to prevent cross-border raids into Israel after the Army said one soldier was killed and two wounded by an infiltrator.

"I think public expressions and other means are important to clarify to Jordan that Israel will not resign itself to a situation in which Jordan will be free for caring out attacks against Israel," Rabin told Israel Radio.

"Jordan cannot act against infiltration and also open its territory to the activity of the PLO. Jordan will have to think again about

what happened in the past few months, in the last year in this field," he said.

The attack yesterday in the area of Kfar Ruppin was the fourth cross-border raid from Jordan this year. The gunman, dressed in civilian clothes and armed with a Kalashnikov rifle, was also killed, the Army said.

Jordan said today that no infiltrator had crossed from its territory into Israel. "No infiltration has taken place from Jordan. There are no traces on the Jordan side of the border," Information Minister Nasouh Al Majali said. "We have no idea about this."

Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat visited Amman last month and

reopened the PLO treasury there, closed after a rift in 1986.

Rabin repeated today Israel's view that Jordan was trying to halt infiltrations. But he added the Jordanian government's warmer relations with Arafat were a danger to Israel.

"I have no doubt that the opening of Jordan to different PLO elements and allowing PLO leaders, PLO money to arrive in Jordan has already led to an increase in the danger of infiltrations of terrorist gangs from Jordan," Rabin said.

Israel has in the past praised Jordan for preventing border raids despite the official state of war between the two states.

## Musavi made an adviser

NICOSIA, Sept. 3, (AP): Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani today appointed former prime minister Hussein Musavi, a leading radical, as one of his advisers, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Musavi, 48, served as prime minister from 1981 until last month, when the post was abolished in constitutional reforms approved by national referendum held alongside the presidential election July 28.

Musavi was the second key radical leader who has been absorbed by Rafsanjani, leader of Tehran's so-called pragmatists, into his administration in recent weeks.

Former intelligence minister Mohammad Reza Shariati was appointed prosecutor-general last month.

Former interior minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, dumped by Rafsanjani, is the only major radical figure who has not been given a position in Rafsanjani's government.

Iran reported that Rafsanjani told Musavi in a letter that the former premier's experience in government should not be wasted.

Musavi has frequently clashed with Rafsanjani over foreign and economic policy.

He favours tight state control of the economy and opposes unrestrained links with the West. Rafsanjani favours a more open economy with greater private sector participation and has sought to rebuild bridges with the West to end Iran's isolation and help the mammoth task of reconstruction following last year's ceasefire in the eight-year war with Iraq.

Musavi's appointment gives the radicals a voice in Rafsanjani's administration, but the former premier was not expected to wield substantial power.

Iran's Parliament last week approved, in an unprecedented move, all 22 members of Rafsanjani's cabinet.

## Ethiopian peace bid

### Carter in peacemaker's role

ATLANTA, Sept. 3, (Agencies): Ethiopian government representatives and Eritrean rebels are being brought together by former US president Jimmy Carter for the scheduled start of preliminary talks on Thursday on their 28-year-old war.

Ten years ago, Carter brokered the Camp David peace accord between Israel and Egypt. Once again he is to play a peacemaker's role, with a more modest goal of getting the Ethiopian parties to simply sit down together.

The Eritreans have waged an independence campaign since the 1960s, complaining that their province, an independent country before Italian colonisation, was improperly incorporated into Ethiopia.

The war has made refugees of more than one million people, drained the national economy, and contributed to famine conditions in parts of the East African nation.

Previous attempts at negotiations have failed. But Carter said during a July visit to Ethiopia that prospects for peace have never been better.

"In the history of political affairs, the most significant single step is the first meeting," Carter said.



Carter: modest goal

ter said after getting both parties to agree to talks.

The two sides agreed to Carter acting in the role of neutral observer for the preliminary talks. Both sides have expressed hope of more substantive meeting later.

Carter has said he would act as an official mediator if both sides asked.

Meanwhile, neither Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam nor Isaias Afewerki, general secretary of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, will attend the meetings at the Carter Centre, a research and policy institution. Few details of the talks have

been announced in advance.

Carter Centre officials will not disclose the size of the negotiating teams, where the groups will stay or security plans. The actual meetings will be closed, and no one knows how long they will last.

Dayle E. Powell, a Carter Centre fellow and director of conflict resolution programmes at the institution, said extensive preparations have been made to welcome the two parties and make them comfortable.

"We are concerned about a number of issues of their degree of comfort," she said. "Not just their physical comfort, but the feeling of neutrality. We are making every effort to provide for them a congenial environment in every aspect."

An Eritrean rebel group said today it would work for the success of peace talks with the Ethiopian government but would not accept a ceasefire unless there was a breakthrough in negotiations.

"The EPLF is ready to ensure the success of the negotiations in Atlanta if the Ethiopian regime shows response to the Front's proposals," it said in a statement telexed to news organisations in the United Arab Emirates.

### Scared of conscription and rocket attacks

## 40,000 flee Kabul every month

KABUL, Sept. 3, (Reuters): An estimated 40,000 people have been leaving the Afghan capital Kabul ever month for Pakistan or other countries to avoid conscription and rebel rocket attacks, diplomats and international relief workers said today.

A new wave of rocket attacks on Kabul, like one yesterday which killed at least 16 people and injured 52, could accelerate the exodus at a time when the Soviet-backed government can least afford it, they added.

Diplomats said that to help find a political solution to Afghanistan's 10-year-old civil war, the government had to stem the flow and encourage the return of more than five million Afghan refugees living in Pakistan and Iran.

International relief agencies said they

arrived at the 40,000 figure by calculating the number of bus and airline passengers leaving Kabul over several months and then adjusting it to take account of those returning.

Some sources say Kabul's population, which swelled to over two million six months ago, is now down to less than 1.75 million people. But population estimates in Afghanistan are highly unreliable and exact figures are difficult to ascertain.

"There is no doubt that people are leaving Kabul in great numbers," one diplomat said.

The government attributes the population fluctuations to seasonal movements.

Diplomats and relief workers blame the exodus in part on military conscription and high prices caused by rebel moves to cut

essential supplies to the capital. But the main reason, they say, is an increased number of rebel rocket attacks.

On Saturday more than 30 rockets hit a busy bazaar in central Kabul and the city's airport, where passengers were waiting for a flight to New Delhi.

Many wealthy Kabulites take a plane to India and Pakistan. But most Afghans looking to leave the capital rely on buses or an underground network linked to the mujahedeen Muslim rebels.

Every morning Kabul bus stations are crowded with people. Many are destined for the eastern Logar province from where, relief workers say, they make their way to the Pakistani border — often with rebel help.

## Speed up Mideast peace process, US told

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept. 3, (AP): Foreign Minister Sten Andersson warns of an aggravated situation in the Middle East unless the United States speeds up the peace process, the Swedish national news agency TF reported today.

"The United States has a strong interest in pursuing the dialogue (with the PLO), but there has to be rapid progress," Andersson said in an interview. "The situation (in the Middle East) will grow more critical the longer it takes to achieve a breakthrough."

The Dagens Nyheter daily today quoted a

Foreign Department official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation as saying PLO leader Yasser Arafat has asked the Swedish government "to assume its responsibility and intervene" in the Middle East peace process.

The paper quoted Abu Hajlah as saying there has been no progress in the dialogue between Washington and PLO since it started in Tunis late last year.

In the TF interview, Andersson warned that militant Palestine factions would gain influence if the dialogue was broken off.



## KD763,851 in maintenance at Ministries Complex

### Kuwaiti graduates to be trained

DIRECTOR of the Ministries Complex Administration, Abdul Latif Al Dawaisan said that the large number of requests issued by the building authorities during the current fiscal year is considered one of the difficulties faced by the complex administration. He indicated that despite these difficulties, the administration is keen to resolve them as fast as possible with the co-ordination of these authorities.

Interviewed by a local daily he stated that the value for the fiscal

year 88/1989 for maintenance and internal construction works amounted to KD763,851. Dawaisan talked about the future plans of the complex administration saying that in order to face the increase in services and instruments operations, the complex administration will boost the building electrical capacity. He added that another plan is designated towards conducting a study on developing catering services inside offices.

Dawaisan pointed out that a number of new Kuwaiti graduates were appointed at different sections inside the administration to deal with future requirements. He rejected the idea that Kuwait's are not hired at the safety and security section adding that they form 25 per cent of the total staff at the section. A special safety and security supervisors training programme will be organised at the General Authority for Applied Educa-

tion and Training to train Kuwaiti staff aimed at Kuwaitizing the section, the official said.

Regarding car parking lots at uncovered halls inside the complex limits, he said that specific groups are permitted to enter the Ministries Complex such as foreigners, high ranking officers and the old age pensioners and the handicapped.

He indicated that there are no vacant floors at the Ministries Complex building presently.



Family stranded at border

A LEBANESE national and his family comprising his wife, three boys and a girl have been staying at Salmi Border Centre since August 18 as they are unable to enter Kuwait for lack of entry visas.

Fraila Mohammed Shaheen identified as the Lebanese national said that he and his family came from Lebanon through Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia to escape the war in Lebanon. One of his sons, he added, was hospitalised for two months due to splinters from a shell having lodged in his head.

He decided on Kuwait because he had worked in Kuwait from 1979 to 1989, and one of his children had been born in Kuwait. Further, the man added that he has four daughters and a son working in Kuwait. Three girls are married to Kuwaitis while his son and the fourth girl are working in Kuwait.

The family were granted a transit visa from the Saudi embassy in Amman, but the Kuwaiti embassy in Amman rejected their application to enter Kuwait. Passport officers at Salmi Border Centre had seized their passports which were returned after two days. Further, the residence of his 19-year-old son although valid was also cancelled. They are now stranded as they do not have transit visas to pass through Saudi Arabia.

The entire family are now living in the Salmi Border Centre mosque and are provided food by policemen and workers at the centre. His daughters and son living in Kuwait have visited them at the centre and also tried to obtain entry visas, but without success. Shaheen appealed to the Kuwaiti government to permit them to enter Kuwait and added that the condition of his family has deteriorated health wise due to the strain of being in a "state of limbo."

### Kuwait Computers Society

## Information role to be intensified

SECRETARY of the Kuwait Computers Society, Mohammad Hussein Al Kandari, has said that seven years have passed since the establishment of the society, during which it has been making steady progress, thanks to strenuous efforts exerted along the way.

He told a local daily that the most common problems encountered by all public welfare societies was the non-payment of subscription fees on a regular basis which usually never exceeds KD15 annually. He said that this phenomenon led to the reduction in the number of members at the society over the last two years, counting only 130, pointing out that another problem was the refrainment by members from participating in

the activities undertaken by the society.

Kandari said that the society's board of directors last year endorsed a working plan for the upcoming stage that centred on validating the professional identity of the society, whereby it is received more attention and attracted more people who operated in the computers field.

He added that another aim of the plan was to acquire more public trust, refine the activity-oriented attitudes of its members, expand the base for participation and intensify information role in covering all areas of activity undertaken by the society in the various related fields.

He said it was an essential need that society manage to secure

more co-ordination with all agencies using computers, whether institutes in the private education sphere or other computer-using agencies which needed specialist control over the administration of computers.

Kandari pointed out that creativity and innovations made in this field would usually be guarded by society as rights for the people involved, and that applications of the, say newly-innovated computer technique by any user agency would have to be sanctioned by the society.

He added, that unfortunately there was no such law to enable the practice of this important principle, which had been the reason why operators in the field had been disinclined to venture into creativity in the field.

## KD120m allocated for roads development

EID AL KHALIDI, director of roads maintenance department at the Ministry of Public Works has said that the ministry has allocated a budget of KD120 million for roads projects during the coming five-year-plan.

A comprehensive study is being undertaken to develop the 4th Ring Road and to build a flyover at Sulaibikhat Roundabout including building 12 pedestrian bridges in different areas of the country.

As a result of difficult weather circumstances in Kuwait, the ministry is engaged in a continuous process of maintaining motorways and other related infrastructure.

Khalidi pointed out that all motorways in Kuwait were established according to previous studies and each motorway consists of four lanes which make them the widest roads in the world. The municipality is responsible for presenting studies related to pedestrian bridges and the projects are executed by the Ministry of Public Works. The ministry has constructed several tunnels to be used by pedestrians at Mishref, Sulaibikhat, Bayan, Surra and Khaldiya as well as some other places, the official said.

He went on to state that the ministry places speed-breakers at locations specified by the General Traffic Administration and added that the breakers are clearly indicated to ensure that they are obvious to drivers from a distance.

He added that the ministry has stopped dealing with those companies who did not carry out their duties according to contracts signed with the ministry. The firm that stopped working on the project located at the 1st Ring Road has been removed from the list of companies that the ministry deals with and will not be permitted to participate in any projects of the ministry.

Elucidating, he said, that some companies could not continue their work because they had obtained projects at cheap prices and consequently could not meet tendered conditions.

## Car tyre survey in Bahrain

MANAMA, Sept. 3. (GNA): Department of Specification and Standardisation at the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture in Bahrain has started a comprehensive survey intended to identify commonly used automobile tyres in Bahrain and to determine the compatibility of related specifications with those prescribed by the ministry.

The director of the department Khaled Fakhr has said that the survey will cover car and tyre agencies to examine the type and quality of tyres commonly available on the local market. Some tyres were believed to be incompatible with the country's

climatic conditions, and others did not conform to speed standards, the official added.

Meanwhile, he told 'Al-Ayyam' daily that the department had made contacts with the Department of Public Health to establish reasons for the failure in fulfilling the specifications set for the Gulf food specifications label, pointing out that these label must list the ingredients of the food commodity, net content, producer's name and address, dates of manufacture and expiry and country of origin.

# Legal Clinic

ADVICE FROM OUR KUWAITI LAWYER KHALID TAHER

IF you have a legal problem, labour or any other kind. Send your questions to Arab Times, Legal Clinic. Our Kuwaiti lawyer Khalid Taher replies to readers queries. Write to Legal Clinic, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or fax your questions on Fax No. 4847495.

I CAME to Kuwait in March, 1989 to work in a private company, as an executive secretary/computer operator. I was informed by my employer that the salary is KD120. I did not have any other choice but to accept. Other benefits such as leave pay, sick leave were not mentioned. Plus in my case I do not have written contract with my employer. I want to know about the following:

My right for a written contract, and if it was refused, can I get help from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

A pay rise like other secretaries receiving a minimum salary KD250 and holiday payment.

Rodelio.

IF you do not have a written contract, then you come under the Kuwaiti Labour Law. But you cannot ask for a written contract, because you did not mention that in the first place to your employer before joining that company. You cannot ask for benefits unless your services were terminated by your employer. You have to discuss with your employer other benefits such as holiday payment. In a friendly manner you can discuss increasing your salary. In case the employer refuses, you can seek another job with better salary. Then in this case you have to get a release from your company and cancel your iqama, but only after you make sure you obtain another job. You can come back to Kuwait and work with the new visa No. 18 that the new company is willing to give you.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1985 on visa no. 18 until now I am working for the same company. My contract will end in Nov. this year. My company is willing to renew my contract, but I have been offered a better job. Can I get a release now?

S.I.

YOU are eligible to change from one sponsor to another because you have been working in that place for more than three years and your employer cannot force you to continue working for him. First you can discuss it with your employer, but if he refuses to give you a release, then you can file a case against him at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour's court. If you do not succeed then you can engage a lawyer who can follow your case.

I HAVE been working for a private company for 15 years, on 11 hour duty. I wanted to join another company. What are my benefits and holiday payment if I want to resign or if the company terminates my services?

Anon.

IF your services were terminated by the company, then you are entitled according to the labour law to half-a-month (15 days) salary for each of the first five years of service and one month's wages for each year after five years. If you resign, you'll get only half the benefits, that is 7.5 days salary. At least 15 days notice must be given on resigning from your job. You may have to give compensation to the company if you discontinue your services without working during the notice period. You can change over to another job because you have been working in that place for more than three years.

I'M a married woman with two children. I was working in Kuwait since 1981. As my salary is only KD75, a family friend helped me with small amounts of money since 1986. But after I refused his offer to marry him, he resorted to threatening me and harassing me in various ways.

I went to the police who ordered both of us deported. However some people intervened and the order was never carried out. I was told to pay back KD1,500 to that person although I had only taken KD750 from him. No I have given KD600 back to him. I have got no receipt for this amount although he has a note saying I owe him KD 1,500. I am having to pay KD50 each month, what should I do?

Mrs F.

AT the beginning you should have gone to the general prosecution to file a case against the man, when the incident took place. Since then it has been a long time, when you were threatened by deportation. About the receipt, you can discuss the matter in a friendly manner with the man to give it to you. If he refuses you can bring two witnesses who can prove that you paid this amount of money. Or else you can ask that man while paying the remaining amount, to sign the back of the receipt provided with the date of payment. In this case he cannot threaten you because you have the proof that you paid him on time.

I AM working in a company since July 1985 until now. My basic salary is KD30. The company is not paying regularly. It did not pay us for one month and we have to send money back home to our families. Other staff are not reacting to this. What can I do with the help of your advice to solve this problem?

M. Diaz

IT would be advisable to speak with your employer in the first place. But if he refuses for one reason or another you can file a case against your employer at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour court so that you can receive your dues.

I'M a Filipino working as a domestic helper since Nov 1985. I have been staying in Kuwait since then. I am aware of some problems that my friend has encountered. I wish to ask you some questions regarding domestic helpers:

Why are domestic helpers on visa No. 20 not covered by labour law? If they are not covered by this law, why are domestic helpers allowed to enter Kuwait and work on a contractual basis?

Are the recruitment agencies legal in Kuwait?

Why is it important that maids register for Civil ID, if they are not under Kuwaiti labour law?

In case of a maid absconding, then why are they automatically jailed or deported?

Is it a rule here, that if the housemaid makes a mistake she is, immediately brought to the police station to be deported?

Who and where can maids turn to, if they have a complaint, will it be on legal or labour rules?

Miss Anonymous.

IT is mentioned in the Kuwaiti Labour Law No. 38/1964 Article 2, that domestic helpers are subjected under that law, since they are not working in the government or private sector but they are sponsored on a contractual basis with individuals or families in Kuwait. Recruitment agencies are not legal in Kuwait but they are working under trade licences through which they can bring people under that licence.

About the Civil ID, it is mandatory that everyone residing in Kuwait should obtain Civil ID, whether she/he is working or not. In case of absconding, any sponsor should report to the police station about the absconding person under his sponsorship or else the sponsor himself will be breaking the immigration rules for not reporting the case. Many absconding people were found working in other places other than their real sponsors. Any maid who has a complaint or gets raped can go to the nearest police station. But in case she does not get her benefits under her contract after she and her sponsor do not reach a compromise then she can file a case in court.

IN Feb this year my husband bought a second hand car, an Oldsmobile 1985 model, for KD1200, payable by installments, from 'Al-Shawaf' for used cars.

After three days, troubles with the car gear started. The agency would not change, so they repaired it at our personal expense of KD100. By mid March 1989, we replaced the AC filter and after a week's stay at the garage we were told to replace the gear. A second hand one costs KD400 while the new one costs KD800.

We did not have that kind of money. So we realised we bought a faulty car. We spoke to the manager of Al Shawaf and requested him to take back the car plus KD 200, explaining that my husband is unable to pay the installments and pay for the repairs.

The manager replied that it was not his problem and second hand cars are sold without guarantee. Since then, we've tried to sell the car but we failed. What can we do now?

M.EI Kurdi.

FIRST I would like to ask if there was a contract between you and that company for buying that car, that identifies the responsible person for repair expenses. Usually there is no such guarantee for second hand cars. I am ready to answer all your queries in details, after examining the contract. And seeing the repairs bills.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1985, on visa No. 18. I'm working in a catering company with a salary of KD40 w/o ticket. I am trying to find another job to afford my living. Is it possible according to Kuwaiti law?

What legal formalities are to be completed in case I find another job and my employer refuses to give me a release?

C.Fernandez.

FIRST you have completed more than three years in that place, which makes it easy for you to change to another sponsor according to the new regulations of the labour law. You can speak to your employer to give you a release. If you succeed then it would be very easy for you to join another company. If your employer refuses to give you the release, then you can approach the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour court to file a case against your employer.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1979. Since 1986, July I have been working in a private company with a KD250 salary. I went on holiday twice but no annual leave has been paid yet. I intended to inquire as to what benefits can I claim if I resign since my services will end mid Dec this year?

Diogo B.D Souza

BEFORE resigning you should give your company at least 15 days notice. The labour law states that a person is entitled to half-a-month salary for the first five years of service if his services are terminated by the company. According to Mohammed Al Shabman, Assistant Undersecretary for labour affairs at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour in a previous interview with the Arab Times, he said that a worker gets full

indemnity after the completion of work or if his contract was for a limited period or seasonal contract.

If the work contract is not limited to a certain period of time and the employer sacks the worker then the worker gets full indemnity. If the worker himself resigns after working for less than five years, he is not entitled to any indemnity.

In your case, you can ask for your holiday payment if they terminate your services.

I CAME to Kuwait in Feb 1979, on visa No. 18 as a driver. In Sept 1988 I joined another company in the same category. This year in Sept I received a termination paper because the company's profits are down. It is also stated in the paper that once I get a job the company will give me a release. I want a clarification on whether I am affected under the new labour law?

Mr. E.

UNDER the new labour regulations, you should pass at least three years in the same company, in order to get a release to join another company.

But because you were working for only one year with that company, you are entitled to a return ticket to your country only. If you want to join another company after your services had been terminated, you should find another sponsor who can provide a new visa No. 18.

ONE of my friend was working as a truck driver for a local transport company between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait on a regular basis. My friend was driving on that route regularly to transport sand. In Dec 1988 he had an accident while driving inside Saudi Arabia and was jailed for six months on a traffic offence.

After he was released he came back to Kuwait, but after one month, the company terminated his services. The termination letter was withdrawn and now he is working with the same company. The company is refusing to pay him the salary for the imprisonment period and the period between the termination and withdrawal of termination letter. I wanted your help to explain the following:

Is my friend eligible for the above imprisonment period salary?

What type of monetary compensation he can get, since all the company employees were terminated?

Does the insurance cover, outside Kuwait as he returned to work with the company?

M. Habibuddin.

THE traffic offence is a personal misdemeanour and not the company's fault. No compensation is paid to him, accordingly, because he had the accident himself while driving and not the company. If he was insured, he would not be jailed, in the first place. But such companies have insurance on their trucks and vehicles. However it would be better if you check with the company if there is a kind of insurance on the workmen.

I AM working in a contracting company which has two partners: a Kuwaiti and a Lebanese. For more than 8 to 12 months other workers including me were not paid. We filed a case at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour last year. Later on it was transferred to the court and it is going on since more than eight months. The Lebanese partner left the country for good ten months ago with big amounts of money. The Kuwaiti did not take any action regarding our dues and now we are in big trouble. We were informed several times every month that the case will be solved but nothing has happened. We are in big trouble and we want to know how we should claim our dues and from whom?

H.R. and M.D.

IN this case, it will take time according to the procedure in court. It has nothing to do with that Lebanese partner. Such cases between two parties (workers and the company) take time. It will be referred to the experts' committee for study. Some cases take few months or few years for the court to decide. You cannot claim anything against the company as long as the court case is in progress.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1962 and worked continuously till 1987. In the same year I started to work for another Kuwaiti and during May 1987 he applied for my sponsorship and went on holiday but his application was rejected since his quota was full.

When he came back in August he told me that he applied again after increasing his quota. But by the time his quota was increased, grace period was declared and I was without a residence for more than three months. Hence my residence was not renewed after paying the fine. On 29th Jan 1988 I left over the amnesty and came back on 8th March 1988 on a new visa.

I want to clarify the possibility of transferring my residence according to the new regulations?

C.A. Egeen

YOUR visa is not transferable, because you came on a new visa in 1988 and you did not complete three years. In your case you can approach the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and explain your situation. It is up to that responsible ministry to agree or refuse.

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# Nam post, appreciation of Kuwaiti role: Cabinet

## Egyptian talks reviewed

KUWAIT, Sept. 3, (Kuna): Kuwait today hoped every success for the Non-Aligned Movement summit due to start in Belgrade tomorrow and expressed deep thanks and gratitude for the election of Kuwait as deputy chairman of the movement.

In its weekly session, presided over by Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad, the Kuwaiti Cabinet today wished that the NAM summit would adopt all that might contribute toward efficiency and effectiveness of the movement and enable it to play its important role.

The cabinet noted that the election of Kuwait to the post of Nam's vice-president represents an appreciation for the outstanding role of the country in the international arena.

In statements to reporters after the meeting, State Minister for Services Affairs and Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Issa Mohammed Al Mazzei said the cabinet also reviewed the fruitful outcome of the successful visit to Egypt by HH the Amir last week.

In this connection, Mazzei said, the ministers reviewed the details of HH's

talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak which covered entire current Arab issues topped by the tragic situation in Lebanon and the Palestinian cause, beside Arab, Islamic and African co-operation.

The talks also covered all aspects of bilateral co-operation and means for implementing programmes agreed upon by Kuwait and Egypt in economic, commercial, scientific, technical, educational and workforce spheres.

In this regard, the cabinet expressed deep satisfaction over the positive

development of the two countries' bilateral co-operation in various fields "which represents an ultimate result of the spirit of understanding and fraternity that characterised all Kuwaiti-Egyptian meetings on all levels," Mazzei said.

The ministers praised the cordial welcome and the brotherly feelings that had been accorded to HH the Amir and the accompanying delegation during the visit which reflected the friendship, love and fraternity linking the leaderships and people of the two countries.

Mazzei said at the beginning of the

session, the ministers were informed on the message received by HH the Amir from Somali President Mohammed Siad Barre concerning bilateral relations between the two countries and means of boosting co-operation between them in various fields.

The ministers also reviewed the results of the 32nd session of the Gulf Co-operation Council foreign ministers concluded recently in Jeddah where it tackled a number of important Gulf issues as well as several topics related to developments in the Arab world, including the Lebanese crisis

and efforts for resolving it, the Palestinian cause and means of boosting the uprising in the occupied territories and Iraq-Iran peace talks.

Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah informed the cabinet on his recent visit to Libya as representative of HH the Amir in attending Libya's celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of the Sept 1 revolution, Mazzei said.

He added that Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Jaber also briefed the Council of Ministers on results of the recent visit to Kuwait by

his Somali counterpart Dr Hussein Sheikh Abdel Rahman which focused on ways of promoting bilateral co-operation in various fields.

Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdel Razzaq Al Khalid apprised the cabinet on his recent visit to Syria where he attended the inaugural ceremony of the 36th session of Damascus International Fair and conducted talks with his Syrian counterpart Dr Mohammed Al Imadi on means of enhancing bilateral co-operation in economic and commercial fields, Mazzei said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Amiri cable

KUWAIT, Sept. 3, (Kuna): HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani on the occasion of his country's National Day.

### Premier's cables

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HH also sent a similar cable to the Qatari Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani.

### Premier receives

KUWAIT, Sept. 3, (Kuna): His Highness Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today received Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem, Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdel Aziz Al Saud, Director-General of the Civil Aviation Department Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Abdullah Al Ahmad, and Director of Military Authority of the National Guard Brigadier Khaled Boodai.

### Education meeting

KUWAIT, Sept. 3, (Kuna): Education Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khodari today presided over a meeting for the undersecretaries of the Ministry of Education and Administrative Affairs to discuss the ministry's preparations for the new school year.

### Egypt visit

KUWAIT, Sept. 3, (Kuna): Egyptian Deputy Premier, Foreign Minister Dr Ismat Abdel Meguid described the visit to Egypt by HH the Amir of Kuwait as historic and achieved remarkable results in boosting bilateral ties.

Abdel Meguid, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, hailed the Amir's proposal on scrapping of interests of Third World countries' debts.

HH made the proposal in his address to the UN General Assembly in September last year. The Egyptian official said his country calls for an immediate ceasefire in Lebanon, resumption of the Arab tripartite committee's efforts on the war-torn country, and non-interference of the Lebanese crisis.

Debts, South-North dialogue and peaceful settlements of political issues will be the centre of Egypt's concern at the Nam conference, he said noting that Egypt, Senegal, Venezuela and India have adopted an integrated proposal in this regard which would be discussed at the conference.

## NES GCE results

THE pass rate for students at the New English School in the recent results of the GCE 'O' and 'A' level 1989 examinations is 94 per cent for 'O' level and 80 per cent for 'A' level.

Following is a list of the most successful students who completed the 'O' and 'A' level courses.

**"A" Level**

Lester Falcio — 3 Grade A, 1 Grade C

Amir Hussein — 3 Grade A

Omar Rana — 2 Grade A, 2 Grade B

May Nasrallah — 2 Grade A, 1 Grade B

Jayachandran Menon — 2 Grade A, 1 Grade B

Anoop Sharma — 2 Grade A, 1 Grade B

**"O" Level**

Shurayu Bhattacharyya — 8A, 2B, 1C

Ranya Metwally — 8A, 1B

Issam Al Sammak — 8A, 1B

Mohammed Sadek — 8A

Rana Abdel Ghani — 8A

Rajesh Sethi — 8A

Ahmed Aboushady — 7A, 2B

Nabil Nassif — 7A, 2B

Lisa Codd — 7A, 1B, 1C

Nehal Hakim — 7A, 1B

Sanjay Bhatnagar — 7A, 1B

Krzysztof Owerkowicz — 7A, 1B



Shrimp season begins

THE fish market affiliated to the Fishermen's Union at Al Shargh area witnessed heightened activity during the second day of the shrimp sales season. Customers, however, tended to be cautious in their purchases in the anticipation that prices would tend to drop in the coming few days.

Reporting on this issue, a local daily said that shrimp prices recorded a significant retreat yesterday with prices ranging between KD2 to KD2.500 per kilogramme and KD2.500 and KD3 for the larger size of shrimps called "Jumbo Shrimps." The price of a basket of 18 kilogrammes of shrimps dropped from KD42 to KD28.

Qasab, a fish vendor, said that prices were better on Saturday than Friday. He said that a basket of 18 kilogrammes sold for KD50 last Friday and each kilo was sold at KD3. Thus, shrimps offered by fishermen were not avidly sought by fish sellers. However, he said he expected prices of shrimp to show a remarkable retreat during the

forthcoming days.

Ali Al Houli, said that the price of the shrimp basket began yesterday at KD38, then dropped to KD28 at 5.00 pm. This year's prices were better than the previous year, he added. At the present inflow of shrimps, he said that he expected prices to drop to KD15 a basket. Each kilo of the larger shrimps will sell at KD1 and a bit less for the smaller sizes. He emphasised that all the shrimps are from Kuwaiti regional waters.

Another fish monger said that the market was quite crowded with customers purchasing not only shrimps, but a variety of fish. Yesterday, the market accounted for 150 baskets, compared to 10 baskets on Friday.

The general consensus among purchasers is that prices are expensive and that each kilo should not be sold for over KD1.500. Customers, presently are not purchasing in baskets, but only in a few kilos, awaiting a price fall.

## Exchange closures discussed

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry has called owners of the seven money exchange companies that were closed last Monday to discuss with them ways of clearing their violations. They held a meeting with assistant undersecretary for commercial affairs Rashed Al Mijren and senior officials of the relevant departments. Mijren told a local daily that the ministry is now investigating violations committed by these companies.

These companies were closed for violating licences given to them by receiving deposits, opening accounts and issuing foreign drafts. He added that the ministry will take legal action against any establishment or company violating the practice of licences and will not hesitate to confiscate commercial licences of violating establishments and companies.

The ministry will also conduct regular inspection of money exchange establishments in co-

operation with the Central Bank to ensure that they are being operated primarily by owners of licences.

He appealed to the public not to deal with money exchange establishments that violate regulations by accepting deposits, opening accounts or issuing drafts for customers.

Licences of these establishments are issued only to trade in currencies in the local market, Mijren said.

## KFAS supports Kuwaiti authors

THE director of the Department of Composition, Translation and Publication at the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS) Dr Abdul Rahman Al Ahmad has said KFAS received full support from HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince.

This has encouraged all staff to exert earnest efforts to fulfill the goals being sought by the department. These are mainly to expand the base of scientific awareness, step up the search for knowledge, promote basic and applied research activities and fund social and scientific studies.

He told a local newspaper that the department took the responsibility of emphasising the importance of Arabic language and its versatility in all fields of science and literature. This is being done through the compilation of dictionaries, composition of books and publication of encyclopaedias.

The new publications to be released by the department involved 16 works, both composed and translated, and another new seven books are being prepared for the library. Two were prepared by Kuwaiti composers; namely dictionaries from English into Arabic and Arabic into English by Dr. Basheer Rashied and a book on Marine Navigation by Dr. Ghanim Sultan, the official said.

He also said that other works include 'Open Universities' by Sheikh Salman Dawood Al Sabah and Zuhair Mazzei, 'Accounting Analysis' by Dr. Hussa Al Bahr, 'Research Methodology for Education' by Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Ghanim, 'Parameters of the Social and Economic Factors' by Dr. Laila Habib Tareh, 'Acne' by Dr. Abdullah Mishari, 'The Technology of Teaching' by Dr. Yousef Yaqoob Al Sultan and 'Companies Law' by Dr. Tu'meh Al Shumari.

He said that KFAS encouraged Arab writers and translators to contribute to the fulfilment of its objectives, with particular attention to Kuwaiti writers.

## Delinquents not to blame: Rujaib

### Onus on family

OVER 90 per cent of delinquent minors are ill-treated and oppressed and they are mostly not to blame, Social Affairs and Labour Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Social Services, Dr Latifa Al Rujaib said today. She said that usually the main cause of delinquency is a fault somewhere in the family and the child simply becomes a victim of this family breakdown. She added that the causes for delinquency in Kuwaiti youth are the luxurious nature of life in this country and that parents do not devote enough time to look after their children.

Dr Latifa also blamed school, media and society that lead the young to delinquency. She said that the Juvenile Delinquent Welfare House differentiates between two types of delinquents; thus who have already committed crimes and misdemeanours and received verdicts by the courts that they should spend the penalty at the house and the second type are youths who are forced into delinquency. She stressed that the welfare authorities try to protect the second category and prevent them from slipping away in the path of delinquency. She said that the welfare house keeps such minors in the house until the conditions that might have affected their behaviour disappear.

Dr Latifa said that 95 per cent of the minors at the house are males adding that this is a general percentage in almost all Arab countries. She explained that the role of the family and social traditions are still applied more strictly to girls than boys. She said that the return of already delinquent minors to crimes and later back to the house, is common not only in Kuwait but all over the world. She blamed the surroundings as being the main causes responsible for this phenomenon. She said that the welfare house could have no role in the minors return and the responsibility mainly lies on the family, the surrounding environ-

ment and had company.

Dr Latifa pointed out that the employment of maids and domestics by families is not related to the career of the wife. She added that this is evident from the fact that many housewives, who stay home, still employ maids. She added that even small non-Kuwaiti families, who really do not need a maid, still employ them. She said that the main reason for employing maids in Kuwait is the luxury.

She pointed out that these maids could have a very adverse effect on the children if they are assigned to look after them. She stressed that the main features of the man's personality are usually formed in the early period of his life. She expressed doubts that maids are capable of carefully looking after the children and warned of their dangers.

### Society

Dr Latifa said that there is a big difference between the Kuwaiti family in the past and of today. She said that in the past, the Kuwaiti family used to be very expanded as sons used to live with their parents even after marriage and the houses passed on from the grandfather to the grandson. But today, smaller families is the rule. This was a result of the social, economic and cultural development in Kuwait. But she denied that the problem of family fragmentation is not common in Kuwait. She said that there are some individual cases. To substantiate this, she said that only 0.4 per cent of the Kuwaiti old aged receive attention at the old aged welfare house. This reflects the deep family relations in Kuwait despite the great change in society.

Dr Latifa supported calls given to establish a higher council for children welfare adding that this council should also look after families.

She said that over 10,000 Kuwaiti families, numbering over 17,800 persons, receive monthly social aid from the min-

istry. She added that the ministry provided over KD15.4 million annually in social aid to these needy families. She expressed belief that after the recent increase in the amount of aid, it can be said that it is enough for most of the families. She admitted that some big families require more aid, and they get the additional amount from Zakat House.

Rujaib said that the Ministry of Social Affairs takes into consideration secrecy in providing social aid to needy families. There are 19 social research units covering all areas in Kuwait, which carry out social research to search out needy families even though some of them may not ask for help.

**Trust**

She said that the main adverse results of the Manakh crash were the loss of trust and confidence which used to be the main basis of this society. She added that the crash financially affected many families, some of them already poor, and the ministry helps them.

On the problem of spinsterhood, mixed marriages and high rate of divorce in Kuwaiti society, Dr Latifa said that all these problems can be attributed to the openness of Kuwaiti society and that too many Kuwaiti men travel abroad for studies and business in addition to the presence of a large expatriate community, with whom it is easy to get married.

She said that although marrying a non-Kuwaiti wife is easy and less expensive, but in the long run it can cost much more. She said that the air tickets given to foreign wives to visit their families in their own countries were counted and the many gifts to their relatives among other things, the marriage to a non-Kuwaiti eventually costs more. She however, admitted that the best way to overcome this problem is to ease marriage conditions among the Kuwaitis.

## Competitive spirit strong

## Popular markets now common in Kuwait

POPULAR markets, have become a common phenomenon in Kuwait during the past few years due to the closure of the Friday market as some residents believe. As many residents say that it is only natural to witness strong competition between these markets. On the other hand, market sources indicated recently that there is a possibility that these markets will be cut down in number and that the Ministry of Commerce will stop issuing licences after witnessing a number of malpractices such as overcharging and selling expired or spoiled food stuff.

A locally daily interviewed the controller of commercial licences at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ahmad Al Ansari to reveal the truth.

Ansari said that there is nothing called "popular markets" but, in reality these are central markets which sell food stuff and others which sell other goods.

He indicated that commercial licences granted to popular market owners only include permits to practice general super-market activities excluding foodstuff. He added that there are a total of 107 popular markets currently in Kuwait which are only permitted to sell goods other than foodstuff.

Ansari said that the ministry will not tolerate any unlicensed shops and that the ministry censorship includes all. Popular markets licence conditions are similar to other licences. The minimum capital required to obtain a popular market licence is KD40,000

and KD50,000 for supermarkets specialising in foodstuff. He added, officials from Kuwait Municipality are called to check the shop and then report to the Ministry of Commerce regarding licence and location matters before issuing a licence.

Ansari rejected the idea that the ministry intends to stop such licences saying that there are no reasons for such an action. He added that popular markets open in different areas and the competition factor is important to keep such markets in business.

Meanwhile, markets owners have several views. Nayef Al Azmi, the owner of a popular market said that he has obtained the licence to open a popular market after fulfilling all conditions designed by the ministry.



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GENIUS is one per cent inspiration and 99 per cent perspiration. — Thomas A. Edison, US inventor (1847-1931).

## Tamils caught on the wrong foot

IN July 1983, after his father was killed by Sinhalese in anti-Tamil rioting in Colombo, Darshan sought safety in a Tamil enclave in eastern Sri Lanka.

Two years ago, the Tamil youth welcomed the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) in the north and east after Indian and Sri Lanka signed an accord aimed at ending the ethnic conflict between Sinhalese and Tamils.

Now, Darshan says, he fled back to the capital last month in the face of a new threat. Refusing to give his last name for fear of retaliation, the student said he left the east to escape forced induction into a new Tamil militia supported by the Indian Army.

Hundreds of youths have been taken from their homes by Tamil groups controlling the new northeastern government and are beaten if they refuse, he said.

"We thought the IPKF had come to help us against the Sinhalese Army. But now they are helping (the Tamil militants) to catch and torture Tamils," Darshan said at a camp housing 1,300 Tamils.

"There is still great danger from the Sri Lankan Army if the IPKF goes," he continued. "But the threat we face now is worse than what we faced before."

Sri Lanka's Tamil minority, about one-fifth of the island's 16 million people, is bewildered. In 1987, they hoped the peace agreement and the arrival of Indian soldiers signalled the end of ethnic turmoil and years of discrimination by the Colombo government.

Thousands of Tamils who had taken refuge in the nearby south Indian state of Tamil Nadu, where 55 million of their kinsfolk live, returned to Sri Lanka.

But the euphoria dimmed when the Tamil Tigers, the most powerful of the militant groups fighting for an independent Tamil homeland, refused to surrender under the accord. For two years, the extremists have battled Indian troops in the north and east, where more than 10,000 people have died since 1983.

Now, mounting pressure for a pullout of the 45,000 Indian soldiers has deeply splintered the mainly Hindu Tamils, once united against the Buddhist Sinhalese.

India withdrew 875 more soldiers last month, following 620 who left on July 29, but talks between India and Sri Lanka are now stalled. Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa, who earlier this year opened peace talks with the Tamil Tigers, is pushing for a full pullout of the Indian forces. Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi says a pullout must be linked to more power to the Tamils, as called for by the accord.

While some Tamils say the Indian Army is needed as a buffer against the Sri Lankan military and government, others want the Indian forces out because of alleged brutality by the Indians and the Tamil groups they support.

"The disenchantment with the previously good relationship with India has led to a great bitterness among Tamils," says a Sri Lankan analyst in Colombo.

In the Tamil-dominated north, there is widespread opposition to the Indian presence because support for the Tigers, regarded as Tamil heroes, remains strong. The Tigers have called for a separate Tamil homeland uniting the north with the east.

In the east, where Tamils equally share the province with Sinhalese Muslims, many Tamils feel the Indians are needed as a protection against Sri Lankan forces who have been confined to their barracks under the accord.

The newly elected Tamil government, based in Trincomalee and comprised of Tamil groups rivaling the Tigers, would fall without Indian support, triggering a new fighting among the Tamil groups, Tamil leaders predict.

"It will be a bloody war," predicts Varatharaja Peruma, the chief minister of the north and east. "There is no quick solution to this problem."

In the central hills of Sri Lanka, Tamils first brought from India a century ago to work in the tea plantations have long supported the Sri Lankan government and changed their position with the political winds blowing from Colombo.

In the last year, Sarvamoorthy Thondaman, a government minister and leader of the plantation Tamils, succeeded in winning Sri Lankan citizenship for thousands of workers, long a contentious issue with Colombo.

Under former Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene, who signed the accord with India, the plantation Tamils favoured the Indian Army. But since Premadasa came to power last December, they have taken the middle ground and called for a phased pullout.

"There are fundamental differences among the Tamils," says a prominent Tamil leader. "In the north, the IPKF is seen as an alien force that interferes with the ability of the people to run their own destiny. In the east, there is a serious fear that if the Indians leave, Tamils will not be able to live there."

"The plantation Tamils also are apprehensive that Sinhalese chauvinism will spill over again," he says. "But they have gotten some guarantees from the government, and they have a false sense of complacency."

Compounding the confusion are accusations of Indian abuses in the north and east. Recently, reports by Amnesty International and a Sri Lankan group, the Jaffna University Teachers for Human Rights, claimed that hundreds of Tamil civilians have been detained and dozens have disappeared in Indian Army custody.

In recent months, the forced recruitment of Tamil youths for the Indian backed civilian volunteer force also has caused widespread fear among Tamils. (Colombo — CSM)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1571 — Marian Party in Scotland stages successful coup in which Regent Lennox is killed.
- 1576 — Members of the Netherlands Council of State suspected of Spanish leanings are imprisoned.
- 1627 — Turks sign treaty with holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II.
- 1669 — Venetians surrender Crete to Turks after siege begun in 1648.
- 1872 — Anglo-French dual control of Egypt is re-established.
- 1916 — British forces take Dar-es-Salaam in Tanganyika.
- 1929 — German dirigible airship Zeppelin completes trip around world.
- 1932 — France and Poland sign mutual assistance agreement.
- 1957 — Egypt and Syria form economic union.
- 1959 — Emergency is declared in Laos, with alleged aggression by North Vietnam.
- 1964 — British Commonwealth troops move against Indonesian guerrillas in Malaysia.
- 1974 — United States establishes diplomatic relations with East Germany, the last major Western nation to do so.
- 1975 — Representatives of Egypt and Israel sign new interim peace agreement in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1987 — UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar says Iran has agreed to negotiate implementation of UN peace plan to end its war with Iraq.
- 1988 — Archbishop Desmond Tutu defies government in calling on South Africans to boycott municipal elections scheduled for following month.



Sketch of West Bank by Tom Hughes.

## Settlers not yet unsettled

Deadlock ... escalation

## Genesis of a violence

THE mid-day West Bank scene is tranquility itself — Biblical hills, donkeys straddled by sacks of produce, strolling villagers in Arab headress. There are no burning tyres, no roadblocks, no crowds of stone-throwing youth. The bang thus comes with stunning surprise — out of nowhere, on a seemingly empty street, from behind a parked car or a wall, a bottle not seen until it is caroming with unexpected force up off the damaged windshield.

"You've got to slow down when you come to a built-up area, not speed up to get through it quickly," advises an Israeli settler. "They often throw from the front and the force with which the rock will hit you is a function of the speed of the car as well as the speed of the rock." Even physics relates to the Palestinian problem.

Israelis in the West Bank have been receiving such flying telegrams daily for 19 months, time enough to ponder the intifada's relevance to physics, demographics, political science, theology, and other subjects on the curriculum of the West Bank Open University which they share with the Palestinians.

During a visit this month to several settlements, a change in mood was evident. The bold confidence that marked the first decade of settlement and the shock that followed the uprising appear to have given way to grim determination. The settlers see themselves as clearly as ever leading Israel towards its destiny but the old certitudes are mitigated now by an awareness that history can zig as well as zag. They have even thought the unthinkable — that a territorial settlement would leave the settlements as enclaves in a Palestinian state. In private conversations many have expressed a readiness to stay if that would occur.

Though the settler movement has attracted more than its share of fanatics and crazies, most of the settlers seem humanly and morally attractive — idealists willing to undergo danger and discomfort for a cause. In this respect they represent the best in the nation. Their opponents in Israel believe these ideals mean endless war.

The settlers have adapted to the daily gauntlet they run on the roads but the fuse, even among moderates, has grown short. Until vigilante actions of the past three months, the settlers had behaved with surprising restraint, and even today vigilantism is still relatively limited. However, talk of peaceful coexistence with the Palestinians, once a prominent feature in the scenarios painted by settlers, is heard less often now than warnings of mass expulsion of Arabs if the intifada is not put down. The kind of rage bottled up by the Palestinians for 20 years under Israeli occupation is building up now among the settlers as the Palestinians do their turn upon the boards.

In almost every family, one or more persons have been injured by rocks. One resident has had 30-40 flat tyres from nails scattered on the roads by Arab villagers. Settlers routinely travel with two spare tyres and a gun. Sometimes residents wait for another car so that they can travel in convoy. They

TWO words — deadlock and escalation — sum up the latest phase in the 20-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation.

"In the absence of a political initiative, the name of the next game is violence," said Radwan Abu Ayash, a moderate Palestinian activist concerned by the mounting bloodshed.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week that Israel's proposal for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip had lost momentum, spurring a surge in violence by frustrated Palestinian militants.

Thirty Palestinians have been killed in the last two weeks. Israeli troops are using an increasingly free hand to shoot wanted activists while Palestinians are killing a growing number of alleged traitors in their midst.

Israeli officials seem content with the latest developments, particularly with any sign of Palestinians turning against each other. They are also comforted by a decline in international media coverage of the uprising.

Army commanders have been getting tougher, ordering mass arrests and allowing armed Arab collaborators to flaunt their guns as a warning to nationalist activists.

Behind defiant public statements, local Palestinian leaders barely disguise their gloom about short-term prospects.

They cite increased repression, the growing economic burden of the uprising and the reluctance of the United States to pressure Israel into making political concessions to the Palestinians.

"Things are not moving. We are settling into a long-term war of attrition," said philosopher Sari Nusseibeh, named by Israeli officials as one of the early leaders of the revolt.

"The peace process seems to be blocked on all sides, but maybe this is just temporary," he said.

In the Gaza Strip, Palestinians are locked in an apparently hopeless test of wills with the occupation authorities over new magnetised identity cards required to enter Israel.

Israeli officials are confident that hunger will force Gaza workers to end a boycott of jobs in Israel called by uprising leaders to fight the cards, imposed to deny activists the right to work in the Jewish state.

Although Palestinian leaders insist the violence is not out of control, moderate activists say they have been unable to stop a wave of killings of alleged collaborators.

"Our young heroes in the strike forces of the intifada (uprising) are taking hasty decisions out of inexperience," said Mahdi Abdul Hadi, head of a Palestinian policy think-tank.

"The cream of the intifada is behind bars. There is a lack of communication, an absence of institutions."

go out less frequently at night and do not secure safety belts to avoid being trapped in the car if it is hit by a bomb.

Despite all this, there is surprisingly little siege mentality apparent. The settlements themselves are tranquil enclaves. What concerns the settlers far more than the rocks is fear that the uprising may lead to political concessions. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's peace initiative is seen as a dangerous bowing to pressure which can only encourage continued Palestinian unrest aimed at achieving further concessions. (CSM)

## Letters to the editor

## The Indian panorama

SIR: The observation of your correspondent from Tokyo (AT 29/8) calls for no answer since it seems to be a conglomeration of misconceived information except for the penultimate para reading: "India has the fourth largest Army in the world second only to China in Asia. It has nuclear submarines, a flotilla of formidable battleships, a sizeable Air Force with MiGs, Mirage 2000s, vintage World War planes and is assembling its own jets and missiles."

What about India's progress in nuclear fission? The letter serves only to instigate hatred and anxiety which, unfortunately, is not becoming of a peace-loving person.

India, essentially has to be self-sufficient and strong in the defence front like any other country, to help instil confidence in her millions and to thwart uncalculated, mischievous, interference from super powers who are experts in exploiting opportunities, wherever possible, to their own benefits and as a matter of existence.

Strength can only be matched by strength. So what is the harm if India builds up to a level commensurate to her demanding needs and commands self-respect? (Why are the Americans having military bases in Japan? Anyway, that is not our concern).

The world is moving into delicate and explosive situations. All are vainly searching for peace — some sincerely and some for others to believe so. We all know what is happening and what is going on in the Middle East. Who is behind all these fiasco and who can bring an end to this? The innocent people in this affected region have long forgotten the warmth and tranquility of a peaceful atmosphere. They are born into an agitated environment and most of them are forced to live it out not knowing what the sunny side of life looks like.

There is no point in India lagging behind pursuing Gandhian principles in such matters and at times of need seeking external assistance only to get embarrassed by dictated sympathy and lip-services.

In the nuclear field, the big boys, alarmed and disturbed at India's strides, are shamelessly and deliberately trying to hinder her progress and to keep her caged in the backyard. Obviously, they want to see India always down-trodden and backward, the way she was at the hands of the British imperialists before gaining independence and also as a guinea-pig to experiment their medicines and technology.

We have had enough over the past forty-two years. We have learned bitter and costly lessons. It would, therefore, be unwise and suicidal to continue like this and be always at the mercy of the giants.

The day of deliverance cannot be far off.

C. K. SATYARAJ, Satef.

## Transfer of residence

SIR: As per the new labour law, workers of a government project may be transferred to another employer of similar project upon the expiry of the government contract.

Most of the construction workers of Jahra Ghazali Motorway-Contract No.3 have been terminated by M/s Campenon Bernard, the French construction company, who was the main contractor, upon completion of major portion of the work.

say 95 per cent of the work. The completed project has already been handed over to the appropriate authorities and vehicles are plying on the Ghazali Road overbridge regularly which is known to all citizens of Kuwait.

We were construction workers under Campenon Bernard and have also been terminated with other workers.

Sixty of us approached another government project, of similar nature, the 6th Ring Motorway-Eastern Section, Contract No., RA/64 for job and we were selected.

We produced the necessary documents required for the transfer of residence from M/s Noor Trading and Cont. Co., the sponsor for Campenon Bernard and handed over to M/s Ahmadiya Cont. & Trad. Co., the main contractor for the 6th Ring Contract for transfer of residence.

M/s Ahmadiya informed us that our applications for transfer were not accepted by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the ministry wants certificate from the Ministry of Public Works stating that due to completion of the project we have been terminated and our services are no longer required for that project.

We are ordinary workers of various categories and every one knows that it is not practicable for us, the workers, to approach and obtain such a certificate from the ministry. In principle the ministry will not entertain us. Our old sponsor or the new sponsor will not run for our cause as this is not their headache.

Therefore, although we are qualified for transfer of residence, as per new law, we are absolutely helpless.

As our old employer and would-be new employer, both are under the same Ministry of Public Works there should not have been any problem at all.

As a last resort we appeal to his excellency the minister of social affairs and labour to very kindly waive this condition and issue orders to transfer the residence of 60 of us as per Article 16 of the law whereby he is empowered to do so. We appeal for his immediate action.

60 sufferers.

## Rich heritage

SIR: I am from the Western world. I became a Muslim after very careful consideration. Islam has the richest wealth to give to the world, and the most fortunate thing is to be a good Muslim. You should be proud of it and not fight shy.

Your culture, your traditions which are based on Sunnah are so positive and universal in their appeal. The respect which the younger generation show not only to their own elders but all elders is so gratifying, the utmost courtesy and consideration you have for another brethren is so satisfying, the equality of all men which is practised in daily life, be he black or brown or white, and the very gracious way of life billed with genuine hospitality, all speak of a rich heritage.

I emphasise all these characteristics because not one of them you will find in the Western world. It is a horrible race, where man waits to eat man. The children abuse their parents, even beat them, the women are treated as mere sex symbols, not treated like sisters or mothers, with crime and violence increasing to very alarming proportions, that now no one is shocked at rape or murder. Drugs, alcohol-

ism, child abuse, prostitution is what is left of their culture. And it is getting worse day by day.

On the TV and glossy magazines all look good and tempting, but it is highly deceptive. Underneath it is a very sick society, disintegrating on all sides.

Most unfortunately, I notice a change of climate here. Many Gulf's younger generation are modelling their lifestyle and thinking along Western lines. This is a very, very big mistake they are making. The Western culture is a decaying one, yours has stood the test of 14 centuries and is for all times. I request the parents, for they are to blame a lot for their children's upbringing, and way of life, to teach and practise the true tenets of Islam and inculcate in your children from an early age, clean and healthy habits of family life and social graces. If the foundation is solid, even if they go West for or anywhere for education or work, they will not founder. The teachings of Islam is your wealth, honesty, integrity, charity, justice, and goodwill towards all. Do not barter it so cheaply and make a bad bargain. You will be great losers.

I know, I lost it in the other world and found it here. That is why I am writing this letter.

Miriam Abdullah, Bahrain.

## Islamic unity

SIR: World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY) deserves felicitations and encouragement in its effort to bring out a volume consisting of actual life stories of persons, who have embraced, more appropriately reverted to Islam. This work will surely go a long way in presenting Islam to non-Muslims in proper perspective and at the same time removing the misconception and misunderstanding that Islam was spread by use of sword.

Interviews of brother Yusuf Islam (former pop singer Cat Stevens) brother Muhammad Ali, boxer and others on second channel of Saudi Arabian Television, highlighting the reasons for their reverting to Islam bears testimony to this fact. These great persons were 'champions' in their field, carrying name and fame, but the quest for peace of mind and spiritual bliss made them revert to Islam.

It is interesting to learn that the seventh conference of WAMY will be held in Riyadh sometime in mid 1990 and the theme of the conference "Islamic Unity in Theory and Practice" has been very rightly thought of. Islamic unity is the call of the time for its very survival.

In addition to holding youth camps in different parts of the world regularly, it is suggested that WAMY may consider including following in its activities: More chapters of WAMY to be opened especially in unrepresented areas and where Muslims are in minority, Muslim youths to be enrolled as individual members assigned to chapters, bring out a monthly journal in English, Arabic, Urdu and other languages, containing articles on Islamic life, and mailed to members regularly, and conduct Islamic correspondence courses of different level, in various languages.

In order to meet the expenses to accomplish the above activities necessary fee could be charged. WAMY's forum and membership (as guest members) should be open to non-Muslims (as guest members) will give both Muslim and non-Muslim youths not only an opportunity to participate but also to learn about the 'supreme religion' Islam.

M.A. Jabbar, Riyadh.

## Art Buchwald

## A domestic bang bang

PRESIDENT George Bush made a terrible mistake when he banned the importing of foreign semi-automatic guns into the United States. What he did was cut out the Italians, Israelis and Chinese to make sure the American people are supplied with semi-automatic weapons made in the good old USA. The trouble with this is that US manufacturers can't meet the demand, and Americans now have to wait months to get the semi-automatic weapons of their dreams.

The New York Times reports that most domestic manufacturers are working seven days a week to meet the orders, and the demand for the guns is at its peak and going higher.

I confirmed this when I visited the Sudden Death Gun Company. The owner, Orville Bang, was sweating as he poured grease on the weapons that came off the production line. Between crates he told me that the semi-automatic business has never been better, and President Bush was a peach of a guy for keeping the foreign competition out of the US market.

"The orders are pouring in," he told me. "We've proven that we can make a better product than the foreigners. Right now we're backed up until 1992."

"I always knew that semi-automatics were popular with the average person, but why the surge in sales at this particular time?"

"People are afraid Congress will ban semi-automatics altogether, and they want one hanging in their Land Rover before some damn fool legislator takes it away from them."

"There must be more to it than that," I said.

"It could be a fad. Everybody wants a semi these days — from the squirrel hunter to the guy fighting a gang war in the barrios."

"But you can't sell semi-automatics to gangs, can you?"

"I should hope not — but a middleman can. The way I see it, the role of the gun manufacturer is to make guns, not war. We're the guys who turn out the weapons — and we're not responsible if they get into the hands of someone who wants to shoot up a school yard. That's why President Bush likes us. We can arm the nation with weapons that this country has to have to save it from the enemy."

"You mean the Russians?" I asked.

"No, I mean the other semi-automatic owners. Besides, if we can keep the gun-manufacturing business in this country, we can resolve our deficit problem overnight."

"When did most Americans get the urge to buy assault rifles?"

He answered, "When the word got out that the government was thinking seriously of forbidding their sale. All you have to do is tell the people the US there is going to be a shortage of an item, and they will immediately line up to buy it."

I said, "But in this case they were wrongly informed because George Bush says they can have all the assault rifles they want — as long as they are made over here. Why the panic?"

"If the gang wars got out of hand and more people are blown away by the guns, the President may have to take a stand and declare that semi-automatics aren't as safe as he originally thought. When that takes place, everyone of us in the domestic gun business will be dead."

1896, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

## Quote me

"Our life is dictated by the whims of the fighters. We sleep and we eat and we go to work when they allow us." — A Lebanese family on the fighting in Lebanon.

"I feel a failure as a professional letting a thing like this happen to me in a big match like this, on the other hand, I do not feel they were right to do what they did." — Amos Mansour discussing the dispute between himself, Yannick Noah and Noah's family after losing to Noah.

"I'm going to let the empire know that I'm not some pushover, and think that I'm not going to be easy about it and let it happen. I think that you have to let the empire be more aware that you're aware, so in turn he can become more aware, so he can be a better empire." — Michael Chang following his third round victory over Peter Aldrich in which he argued strenuously over two consecutive calls that went against him.

"The zeal with which the US leaders talk about democracy and human rights sounds utterly hollow when one judges the American role in the Mideast." — Kuwaiti daily highlighting the plight of Palestinians and taking out at US absolute support for Israel.

"In a relatively short period of time, socialism has demonstrated its great vitality as a social regime which is to irreversibly replace capitalism in the evolution of modern history." — Nguyen van Thinh, Vietnamese leader, in a speech rejecting multi-party system.

"In the absence of a political initiative, the name of the next game is violence," said Radwan Abu Ayash, a moderate Palestinian activist concerned by mounting bloodshed in the uprising against Israeli occupation of Arab lands.

"The situation demands some measures be taken but not, certainly, measures of repression or dictatorship, but first of all political ones." — Ligachev on nationalism in the Soviet Union.

"The longer we are isolated, the more our standards will slip." — said Danie Craven, South African Rugby Board president and mastermind of the century tour.

"In the history of political affairs, the most significant single step in the first meeting." — former US President Jimmy Carter said after getting Ethiopian government and Eritrean rebels to agree to talks.

"Until the South African government changes its policies there will be no tours overseas to the stronger countries such as Britain, Australia and New Zealand." — South African Rugby Board president on South African isolation from international sports because of its policy of racial segregation.

"They're a nightmare. We almost don't mind what the Syrians fire, any more — except those damned 240s and 180s." — Beirut commenting on the monstrous 240mm and 180mm mortars that the Syrian forces fire.



# Young, free and vulnerable

## New York City's child drug addicts finding help and hope

By Stephanie de Montvalon

At just 11-years-old Cordy Ryman, a pupil at one of Manhattan's most reputable private schools, was well on the way to becoming a drug addict.

As with so many youngsters, it started off as a schoolboy experiment, he recalls. Before long, he had convinced most of his classmates to join in the game. All too soon, the joke turned sour, and he realised he was hooked.

"At the beginning I took drugs as a way of experiencing different sensations," he said. "I ended up taking drugs on a daily basis, at school between classes, during each break, and very soon I was beginning to feel pretty bad."

Cordy's case is by no means unusual, say New York City officials. Today's drug addicts are younger than ever and come from all types of family background. In New York, at least one-third of all seventh and eighth grade schoolchildren — usually aged between 11 and 12-years-old — have smoked marijuana, according to figures compiled by voluntary agencies. From there it is just a short step to smoking "crack" — a cocaine derivative prized by drug peddlers because of its extreme addictiveness and its all-too-affordable street price.

Now 17, Cordy Ryman, blue-eyed, dressed in jeans and a T-shirt, looks for all the world like any middle-class American teenager. Thanks to Phoenix House, a voluntary care group launched back in 1967, Cordy has been able to kick the habit and is planning to finish school before going into a career as an artist, as both his parents did before him.

His battle with drugs wasn't easy. It took a lot of cajoling from his parents, and an 18-month programme with Phoenix House's IMPACT scheme — Intervention Moves Parents and Children Together — to wean him from cocaine and give him the courage to re-establish links with society.

"At times I really thought I'd never make it," he said. "It was too hard."

At the heart of the IMPACT programme is a firm belief that parents and children have to tackle the drug problem together, as a family. Staff at Phoenix House encourage mothers and fathers to take part in therapy sessions and group discussions at the centre, helping them to build up a dialogue with their children that has often disintegrated over the years.

Cordy himself recalls that a breakdown in communications with his parents contributed to his drug problem.

"My parents would sometimes try to talk to me, but it never worked," he said. "Often, they would close their eyes when I asked them for money to buy clothes and what actually used to be my mother's savings bank."

According to Chris Pellegrini, spokesman for the Phoenix Centre, Cordy's experiment was not unusual.

"Often parents refuse to face the facts. It's stronger than they are," he said. "They always think it's inconceivable that their offspring could sink so low. That kind of thing only happens to other people."

The IMPACT programme is tough in the demands it makes on the youngsters it is trying to help. Participants have to agree to continue their studies and to break with any of their former friends who still take drugs. Ties forged with other youngsters at the centre are of vital importance to the success of the rehabilitation programme, say staff members. The fact that they have all lived through the same trauma helps build strong friendships and create a desire not to lose face in the eyes of their peers.

Said Cordy: "All my friends are at Phoenix House and it's hard to feel that at ease with people who haven't been through the same thing, because you really do have a sense of being different. It's one thing being on the right path when you've once strayed from it, but it's quite another thing when you've always been on the straight road."

Because of the emphasis Phoenix House places on family therapy, it can only help a certain kind of youngster — those whose parents still care about them, however badly the relationship may have deteriorated. Cordy was one of the lucky ones, but

thousands of other New York teenagers are not so fortunate. They have no homes and no families. Often their own parents are drug-users, too far down the road to addiction to care much about their children.

According to official figures, an estimated 100,000 children in New York are maltreated by their parents each year, usually because of drug abuse. Two out of every five children in the city live in conditions that are officially deemed to be below the poverty level.

At present, at least 33,000 children have no home to go to, say city officials. Some of them have been thrown out by their parents, others have left of their own accord.

According to John Backman of New York's Child Welfare Department, the city's hostels for young people have now reached bursting point. On any given day, between 100 and 200 children — some as young as 11-years-old — will turn up at the Welfare Department looking for a bed, he said.

Over-crowding means that some have to be turned away to spend the night in the subways or at the railroad stations. Those who do find a roof for the night will often have to move on the next day to make room for someone else.

If they are not already taking drugs, most of them turn to selling crack as a means of making some money. Young mothers often resort to drug-peddling and prostitution as a way of making ends meet. The number of mothers arrested and jailed for drug-related offences has risen by one-third over the past 12 months, say police.

One port in the storm is offered by Covenant House, a shelter for homeless children funded by voluntary contributions. Its director, Father Bruce Ritter, opened the centre in New York 12 years ago. Today, there are other branches in Houston, Texas, Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Toronto, Canada.

Covenant House's motto is "Off the streets, on with their lives." As well as providing accommodations for the youngsters the staff tries to re-integrate them into society, helping them develop talents and skills and to find jobs so that they can learn to lead independent lives.

Helpers at the centre have learned that often it is they who have to take the initiative, going out into the streets where they know the children gather after dark. Each evening, a van loaded with sandwiches and hot drinks patrols the city's most run-down neighbourhoods, handing out sustenance to youngsters who take the time to grab a quick bite in between drug deals.

According to Father Ritter, the mobile soup-kitchen plays a vital role in building up a sense of trust with the children.

"They have no reason to have any faith in us," he said. "We have to have lots of patience and perseverance."

Staff insist the van work hard to build up a relationship with the children, many of whom come back night after night. They learn their Christian names, and listen to their problems. Slowly the youngsters learn to accept the helpers. Some of them pick up the courage to go along to the centre to ask for advice or help in kicking the drugs or alcohol on which they have become dependent.

Sadly, many of the young homeless have no real desire to break their addictions. At just 20-years-old, Jeff, a regular face seen by the night-patrols is already an alcoholic. Three years ago his mother threw him out of the house. He is the father of three small girls, and sleeps out on the streets.

"Sooner or later we all end up dying, so I'm just letting death come little by little," he said.

According to Mike Murphy, who organises the nightly Covenant House patrols, the breakdown of the family unit is at the heart of the problem.

"Most of the kids we see at the Covenant House come from broken homes, often because of drugs," he said. "A lot of them have been subjected to sexual and physical abuse."

In a way, the kids are paying for the mistakes of their parents," he added. "They become victims, and that can only lead to more problems for them."

Neither Father Ritter nor Murphy is optimistic about the situation. Neither of them has any illusions about the scale of the problem they face.



A teen-age girl prepares for another night on the streets. Her home is a cardboard box which she sets up each evening near New York's Times Square.



Cordy, 17, has kicked his drug habit with the help of Phoenix House.

## Seven days in America's own drug war

NEW YORK, Sept 3, (AP): Americans came home from work last week, locked their doors, flipped on their TVs and stared in astonishment at the fabulously wealthy empire they had created.

With its fine homes and ranches, its regal horses and sleek limousines, it looked like a society worth fighting for. The Colombian drug barons, who own it all, certainly think so.

Many Americans now consider illegal narcotics the nation's greatest scourge. On any day, in almost any community, illicit drugs influence the way people live and the way many die. What follows is a glimpse at seven days in the battle against drugs in America.

### Thursday, Aug 24

At 3 am, police go to work in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Sheriff's deputies serve a warrant on a travel trailer that allegedly serves as a centre for selling crack, a potent form of cocaine. A woman and two men are arrested for possession of crack and drug paraphernalia.

Crackhouses have become the 1980s equivalent of prohibition speak-easies, operating brazenly and raking in handsome profits. But they're unlikely ever to evoke nostalgia. For many people, they represent a neighbourhood's ruin.

In Spokane, Washington, 27-year-old Matthew Hartnett is arrested for torching a suspected crackhouse. Police denounce the apparent act of vigilantism, but neighbours applaud it.

"At the least," said one man, "we ought to give him a certificate of citizen appreciation."

### Friday, Aug 25

A police video camera in Norfolk, Virginia, captures a revealing glimpse of entrepreneurs at work.

Two narcotics officers staking out an apartment building courtyard say they videotaped

two dealers making more than 100 cocaine deals in six hours — about one sale every 3-1/2 minutes.

The stakeout comes to an abrupt halt when the suspects spot the hidden camera through the blinds of a vacant apartment and burst in on the officers. One suspect, 18-year-old Leonard Ingram, allegedly fires a shot that goes wild. He is charged with attempted murder of a police officer.

In Los Angeles, the drug gang capital of the nation, two cars pull up to a red light at 8.20 pm. It's a pleasant evening, a bit of light lingering after the sunset. A gun battle erupts between occupants of the two cars, who belong to rival drug gangs. A 17-year-old is killed and three other youths are wounded. When police order the combatants to drop the weapons, one allegedly points a gun at them. Four people are arrested.

### Saturday, Aug 26

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, in his weekly radio address, tells parents about new laws that will be in effect when their children head to class Monday. He stresses the tough penalties for people who sell drugs near campuses and a law that prohibits students from wearing electronic beepers that might be used to send them on drug-selling assignments.

Once, such laws might have been considered Draconian, not to mention unnecessary. Now they're typical of a barrage of anti-drug legislation that desperate lawmakers have enacted.

In Florida, authorities report convicted drug dealers are losing their homes, boats, planes and jewellery under a new law permitting a 75 per cent sales tax on their ill-gotten gains.

"There are literally tens of millions of dollars out there, and it's the state's challenge to find that property," said Greg Marr, coordinator of the programme.

In Hawaii, US Marshal Faith Evans says law officers have seized \$1.3 million in real

estate owned by drug dealers in the past month alone.

### Sunday, Aug 27

Readers of the Northwest Florida Daily News in Fort Walton Beach open their Sunday papers to read about a family waging its own drug war. Three sisters are leading the crusade, picketing an intersection known for drug-dealing, the neighbours aren't sure what to make of them.

"You don't have a lot of people to back you up," said Annie Beal, one of the sisters. "A lot of them look at you like you're crazy."

Crazy or not, Ms. Beal and her sisters are among the growing number of people who are fed up with the drug trade and have decided to do something about it.

In Trenton, New Jersey, where the stage capital is being renovated while rows of nearby tenements rot, a group called the Grass Roots Movement is holding the last in a seven-week series of campouts on drug-infested streets.

Organisers say the all-night vigils are aimed at reclaiming the streets from drug dealers and users.

### Monday, Aug 28

Just east of the main bus station in New York City, Security Guard Robert Reynolds patrols a grungy block of 41st Street with the newest recruit in the war on drugs: Damien the Doberman.

Crack dealers and smokers had taken over the block, smoking, sleeping, defecating and fornicating in public. So business owners chipped in this July to hire 24-hour private guards, who patrol with a nightstick in one hand and a chain leash in the other.

"Within one week we had eliminated most of the problem," said Carl Person, who organised the effort. "Police are limited, but a dog doesn't know from constitutional rights. If a dog goes 'woof woof,' the people can't argue with it."

The guard service costs \$1,750 a week. Business people contribute depending on their rent.

In Century, Florida, a town of 2,600 on the Alabama border, members of the six-member police force say the crack problem is too big for them to handle.

"It's like fighting Vietnam," said officer Gary Johnson. "It's a losing battle."

### Tuesday, Aug 29

A Detroit woman who settled a crack debt by allowing her 13-year-old daughter to be raped is sentenced to life in prison.

Although her crime normally would carry a 10- to 25-year sentence, the judge says Susan Barber, 39, has "sunk to an intolerable level of humanity" and shows no potential for reform.

"This case demonstrates tragically the far-reaching impact of drugs on innocent people," the judge said.

And in Richmond, Virginia, a 12-year-old girl is shot in the head and arm while standing on her front porch. Both her mother and police say a 26-year-old man who was wounded in the attack was apparently the target. The motive, they believe, was drug-related.

### Wednesday, Aug 30

In Washington, Bush administration sources leak details of the president's new international anti-drug strategy. A short time later, police in Washington tally their 303rd homicide of the year.

On the same day one year ago, 219 homicides had been reported in the nation's capital.

Tough federal laws prevail in the Washington, but they haven't been enough to stop one of the nation's worst crack epidemics. Two miles (three kilometres) from the White House, police say a 26-year-old woman was shot to death by another woman shortly after 10.45 pm. The crime appears to have been drug-related.

## Parental ignorance causes 250,000 deaths per week

# A new hope for dying children

CHILDREN are dying all over the developing world. Not from neglect, nor from poverty alone, but because parents do not have the knowledge to deal with their child's health problems — so argues a new document from Unicef.

"Children are dying as a result of a failure to communicate," says James Grant, head of the United Nations Children's Fund, Unicef. "Parents and families, properly supported, could save two-thirds of the 14 million children who die every year — if only they were properly informed and motivated."

So Unicef and two other UN agencies — the World Health Organisation and the UN Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) — have joined forces to fill the gap with an information campaign called "Facts for Life".

They recognise the difficulty of trying to reach parents directly so are targeting their campaign at communicators: local journalists, broadcasters, entertainers and others are to pass on the message.

They first compiled a list of "Top Ten" issues which parents must know about: the timing of births, safe motherhood; breastfeeding; child growth; immunisation; diarrhoea; coughs and colds; home hygiene; malaria; and AIDS.

Then they commissioned experts to research and produce concise manuals for communicators to highlight the messages to be circulated (also called Facts

for Life), and techniques for doing this entitled Health for All.

The clear and attractively produced manuals were launched during the 19th International Congress of Paediatrics in Paris in July.

Speaking at the campaign launch, Dr Mark Belsey, chief of Maternal and Child Health at WHO, said the messages in the book were "the result of decades of research. Under the auspices of WHO, the findings of this research have been reviewed by scientists throughout the world who have concluded that they are scientifically sound, socially relevant and can be readily applied in every home and family."

The language is clear and direct. Each chapter tackles one of the ten priority messages opening with a note to communicators stressing why this issue is so important. There then follow seven headlines messages on diarrhoea, backed up with detailed descriptions of each important issue. Although, some critics argue that the manual is occasionally paternalistic in its approach and makes insufficient allowance for existing knowledge and skills, it has generally been well received as a major step towards the United Nations goal of health for all by the year 2000.

It is believed that never before has so much child health information been compiled and so succinctly presented in

an 80-page booklet, or drawn on the talents of so many international advisers and institutions.

Until now, child health campaigns have suffered from too many different groups putting out inconsistent health messages. Thus, in Oman, officials who wanted to develop training materials on pre-natal care, had to set up a multi-sectoral task force involving every institution; they then had to thrash out a set of messages before work could begin on developing the teaching aids and information materials.

This should no longer be necessary. Since Facts for Life has been produced with the help of leading health experts from all over the world, it can lay claim to a degree of universality — although political, social and economic realities will determine the emphasis placed on some messages rather than others.

But the most effective media must also be mobilised to get messages through to parents.

It describes techniques and experiences which communicators can use, reaching out beyond the media and the teaching profession to non-governmental organisations, health workers, trade unionists, and to business, religious and government leaders and officials, artists and entertainers. Many examples are cited of practical ways in which these groups can use their skills to put over

vital child health messages to the public at large.

One describes how 2,500 fieldworkers from the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) visited nine million homes to teach mothers how to prepare simple yet life-saving oral rehydration solutions, using raw sugar and salt. BRAC followed this up with radio and television spots to reinforce the information.

Repetition is vital to success. "Our experience," said Grant "is that you have to repeat the messages through many channels before they are understood and then repeat them again if people are going to use the information."

The campaign stresses the importance of grassroots organisations, especially women's groups. Health for All says that "women's organisations are the most effective context for informing and assisting mothers in the use of the new health knowledge and skills."

Village women's groups in Maharashtra (India) have helped inform and support tens of thousands of mothers in using new health knowledge. And the result: since 1971, infant mortality has declined by 75 per cent in the 70 villages covered by the project.

If this success were to be repeated throughout the developing world, a revolution in child life saving would have been accomplished.

## Sheriff praises Hood

'Robin was a socialist'

NOTTINGHAM. (Reuters): The Sheriff of Nottingham speaks in a melodic West Indian voice nowadays and has only nice things to say about his old foe Robin Hood, an outlaw still bringing in the cash.

"He was a socialist because he always thought about the poor people and he used to rob the rich for the poor," the sheriff said with admiration in his office overlooking Nottingham's main square.

Strange words from the legendary outlaw's arch-enemy?

Not really, considering Jamaican-born Sheriff Tony Robinson, the first black to hold the 1,000-year-old office, is a Labour Party councillor and veteran trade union activist.

Instead of chasing bands of merry men in Sherwood Forest, the retired bus driver and father of seven is in charge of attracting more tourists to this central English city where the Robin Hood legends is big business.

"I'm not a gun-slinger," he quips when asked how he likes being addressed as sheriff, a title he says many people associate with the American Wild West.

"The sheriff in the old days used to be a bad man. But I have to show that I am a peaceful sheriff and a good sheriff."

Robinson, 68, joins an exclusive club. Most towns in Britain have abolished the honorary office and only 16 sheriffs remain in the country.

Since Robinson's appointment to the one-year post by the city council four months ago, he has gone on a promotional tour of West Germany and plans to visit the United States and Canada.

Last year some 600,000 tourists visited Nottingham whose attractions include the Robin Hood

centre, which gives a history of the city and its most famous outlaw, and Major Oak, where he hid from the sheriff.

"I want to see if I can bring in three times, four times that amount into the city," Robinson told Reuters.

When he is not out promoting this town of 250,000, the sheriff visits homes for the elderly, meets schoolchildren and hands out bouquets to couples celebrating their golden or diamond jubiles.

Historians have often questioned whether Robin Hood, Friar Tuck, Little John and Maid Marian ever existed and only a year ago even Nottingham council shot an arrow at the legend that had been enriching its coffers.

It issued a leaflet claiming that Robin Hood, far from being a romantic rogue, was just a plain medieval forger.

But the leaflet has been replaced. The new one, under the headline "The Legend of Robin Hood," states matter-of-factly that "Robin Hood lived in Sherwood Forest in the Middle Ages and was the world's most famous outlaw."

Robinson says he is a believer. "Men just don't get up and write stories like that ... there must be some link (to fact)," he says.

Robin Hood is the bowman hero of a series of English ballads, some of which date from at least the 14th century. Many of the tales portray the outlaw leader and his band robbing and killing representatives of authority.

The Sheriff of Nottingham — the town has had such a law officer since the 10th century — was his sworn enemy, representing the King and levying crown taxes.



## 'You — the City' a bizarre blend of fantasy and reality

## Avant-garde 'experience' takes theatre to streets of London

By Stephanie de Montvalon

LONDON, Sept 3: The instructions say to be at Neville Russell, a large accounting firm in East London, by 4:50 pm sharp. I'm to enter the building and say, "I'm looking for you."

Despite my entreaties to the woman on the telephone, the only additional detail she'll give me is to wear comfortable shoes and not carry anything heavy.

As I walk up to the building, the facade is momentarily reassuring. Not quite believing that the words will mean anything, I hesitantly utter the cryptic phrase to the uniformed concierge.

"Oh, yes," he says, his face breaking into a knowing half-smile. "Sit down over there." He nods toward an empty sofa by the window. On a nearby coffee table a selection of newspapers is neatly laid out.

A receptionist brimming with bonhomie comes over and asks me to fill in a questionnaire. Apart from the ones asking my name and address, I find myself reading each question several times to make sure that I'm not missing something: "Are you now or have you ever been?" "Are you to end there?" "Does it help?"

I plough through the page as best I can, feeling as unsure of my answers as of what is being asked.

Have I slipped down Lewis Carroll's rabbit hole or stumbled into the Twilight Zone?

Neither.

I am experiencing "You — the City," and to say this two-hour play — if it can be called that — is different would be putting it mildly. For the ticket price of \$23, the intrepid theatregoer becomes a "client," who is escorted to various points in East London by an actor or actors. The dozen or so experiences along the way include stopping inside a church, witnessing a play-within-a-play in someone's living room, and answering a strange telephone call in a take-out restaurant.

As my own adventure continues, a different woman, impeccably dressed in a business suit, arrives, shakes my hand, and introduces herself crisply. Then she beckons me to follow her down a thickly carpeted hall into an office.

Suddenly, before opening the door, she whirls around and looks me in the eye, her face only inches from mine, and says with great feeling, "If I could tell you that you are alive." She then ushers me into a small conference room.

I am mentioned to sit at one end of a highly polished table, while the woman confidently plants herself in a leather-bound chair at the other end. "But I'm rushing you," she continues, with a tone of patronising patience. "Why you?" this strange executive continues, with eyes widening. Without waiting for my reply, she says, "The exclusive everything makes everything impossible."

We are now staring at each other. Her words are in English, but there's no discernible logic to what she is saying. A smirk plays on her lips.

Written by Fiona Templeton — a Scottish-born poet, dramatist, director, and for a decade now a resident of New York — "You — the City" was first performed for a sold-out season Off

Broadway last summer. It has been reworked to launch this year's London International Festival of Theatre. After London, the show is scheduled for The Hague, Netherlands, Glasgow, and, if current negotiations prove successful, a handful of other cities in Europe and America.

Repeating their performances 25 times a day at 10-minute intervals, each actor portrays a character that one might easily see during a stroll through the city, from Walkman-wired, punk teenager to hapless tramp. In "conversation," apparent non sequiturs are piled endlessly on top of one another, with the words "you" or "yourself" popping up in virtually every phrase. Occasionally in the middle of a street, a character will break into song.

During my experience, passers-by appeared to notice nothing out of the ordinary. The only sign of reaction came from a real vagrant sitting in a doorway: When the actor-tramp and I walked past, the man looked up with a toothless, sheepish grin in seeming silent apology for the eccentric behaviour of his "colleague."

Ms Templeton says her one request for the actors after the play's opening will be to slow down. The English pace of doing things, she has been reminded by clients, is not as fast as in New York. "The English want to reflect and don't just want back-chat," she observes, "whereas Americans like word-play for the sake of it. But this isn't just word-play, in any case. There's a lot in this piece."

And herein lies the project's major flaw. The very language she employs is too arcane, coded and too reminiscent of late 1960s-early 1970s trendy "profound" vapourings to be taken as seriously as Templeton would like it to be.

Yet "You — the City" is not unentertaining. One growing emphasis in theatre these days is to make stage drama an "experience" quite different from straight realism, which is increasingly acknowledged to be the province of film and TV. Templeton's play is an exciting extension of the current trend to return English-speaking theatre to the streets — where, after all, it first began in the Middle Ages. And having actors perform for a single person, in addition to not knowing where one will be for the next scene, does provide more than a bit of mystery: Art imitates life, while life gradually begins to disconcertingly imitate art.

Indeed, as East London and its inhabitants meld with the play, the city becomes a stage. For example, when riding in a taxi during part of the show, the "taxi driver" (Marcus D'Amico) did a U-turn, another vehicle emerged from nowhere to create a very real-looking near-collision. Then a "policeman" flagged down the cab driver and admonished him for his recklessness. The juxtaposition of fantasy and realism in such a stark form was highly effective — so much so, in fact, that I couldn't help wondering if this object-lesson in safety was the point of the play.

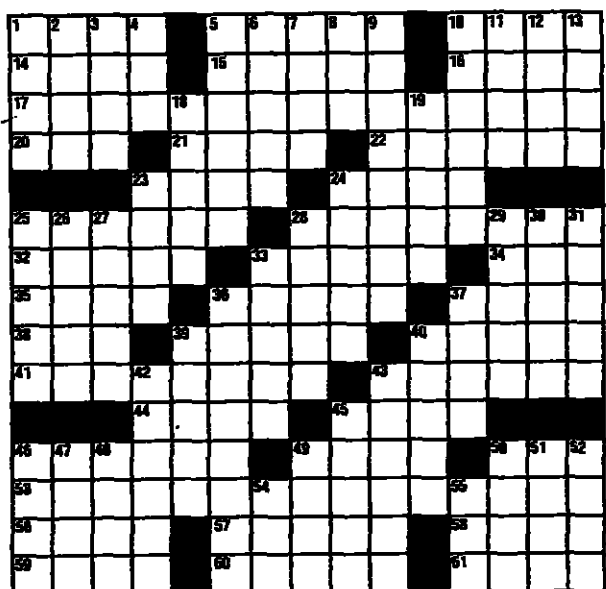
It was only later, when chatting with actor D'Amico, that I learned the "policeman" was the real thing and the near-accident totally unplanned. All the world's a stage. (CSM)



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ROAST LIES SEED

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 8 7 6 2  
♥ K 4  
♦ A 6 3  
♣ A K J

**WEST**  
♠ 5 4  
♥ J 10 9 7 5 3  
♦ Void  
♣ 9 7 6 5 2

**EAST**  
♠ Void  
♥ 8 6 2  
♦ K Q 10 9 8 7 2  
♣ Q 8 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q J 10 9 3  
♥ A Q  
♦ J 5 4  
♣ 10 3

The bidding:

East 3 ♦ South 3 ♣ West 4 ♦  
Pass 4 ♣ Pass 5 ♣  
Pass 5 ♥ Pass 6 ♣  
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♥  
Cards derive their power from two sources—rank and location. Thus, a king in front of the ace might be worthless, whereas a well-placed jack could be pure gold. This hand illustrates the principle.

South had a minimum three-spade overall of the opposing preempt, so partner's cue-bid of the enemy suit—an obvious slam try—

elicited no immediate enthusiasm. But when North persisted with a second cue-bid, South dutifully showed his ace of hearts and North settled in a small slam.

West led the jack of hearts, and declarer realized the only problem was to avoid losing two diamond tricks. He spotted the obvious—a club finesse. Declarer won the ace of hearts, drew two rounds of trumps and led a club to the jack. East won, and declarer still had to concede a diamond trick for down one.

What declarer failed to take into account was the positional strength of the jack of diamonds. East's preempt and West's failure to lead a diamond should have made it obvious that the former had started with all seven of the missing diamonds. Therefore, an endplay was bound to succeed.

After drawing trumps, declarer should eliminate clubs with a ruff and then cash the king of hearts. Now a low diamond away from the ace secures the contract. East must go up with one of his high honors, but he then has no way to a safe exit. A heart yields a ruff-sluff, and a diamond is into the combined tenace—declarer simply inserts the jack if East returns a low diamond.



"What do you mean you don't trust banks? You only have \$34."

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Something you had thought was quite valuable will turn out not to be anything of the kind. You will not be as tired as you have been of late but there is still a need to conserve your energies. Also make sure you get enough to eat. Be friendly.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You are liable to eat food that is filling but not nourishing, beware. Do not ask for more than the item concerned is worth — if you do no sale will result. Make sure you are on time when invited. Be objective.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be given a "free" gift, but it will prove to be of only limited value. However there is no point in looking a gift horse in the mouth as they say. Watch out for mistakes made both by you and others. Be less presumptuous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Your determination and perseverance will now show good results. Your lucky numbers are 22 and 17. Avoid doing anything that might well give offence. Do not indulge in exaggerations and always tell the truth. Be serious.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Everything is taking longer than you would have hoped so do not stray from the subject. You will have some personal success. Avoid entering into a heavy financial commitment just now. Be sensible.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should not just hope for the best and then do nothing about it. You will have to deal with a delicate matter and should tread carefully. Avoid a slip of the tongue — you can if you beware. Be polite.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

Nothing will be as simple as it might appear at first. You should deal with one matter before proceeding to another. Others will try to outsmart you, do not let them. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will tend to live too much in the past and should try to avoid doing so. Make sure that you keep a promise you have made. Avoid entering into a heavy financial commitment just now. Be sensible.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You are liable to miss some vital detail, be on the lookout for it. There is nothing to be gained by leaving some unpleasant things until the last minute. Avoid all kinds of exaggerations and guesses. Be firm.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Something you initiated some time ago will now come into its own. Make sure you take enough exercise without exhausting yourself. Avoid doing anything that might offend your partner. Be consistent.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Do not do anything that would jeopardize your reputation. You should also insure that you do not tread on other people's toes or injure their susceptibilities. You will be able to do something you enjoy doing. Be bold.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should avoid all kinds of exaggerations, not should you pretend even to yourself. Do not believe all you hear and do not take things to be what they appear. Do what ought and has to be done. Be reliable.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Imports expected to increase further

## Trade with GCC continues to grow

### Nam to review Kuwait proposal

**BELGRADE, Sept 3 (Kuna):** Yugoslav Foreign Minister Budimir Loncar said the non-aligned summit which opens here tomorrow will carefully examine Kuwait's call for the creditor nations to forgive part of the debt and interests of developing and poor countries.

Loncar said the Nam foreign minister discussed the Kuwait proposal and other such initiatives in their two-day meetings which ended at dawn today.

The Yugoslav official was addressing a press conference at the end of the Nam ministerial gathering which set the stage for the movement's summit.

He said the Nam of Kuwait last year proposed that the industrial and creditor nations forgive parts of the debts and interests of the Third World countries in a bid to resolve the snowballing problem of Third World debt.

Loncar described the debt problem as one of the most nagging issues that the Nam summit will focus on.

The Nam conference economic committee has also put forth a number of ideas for reducing Third World countries of their foreign debt burden and those will be tabled at the summit, the Yugoslav minister said.

He indicated that some of those proposals were broadly in the line with the Kuwait initiative.

Loncar made it a point to emphasize that his country, the summit host, had not dictated the draft communiqué which the movement's foreign ministers had finalized and referred to the summit.

He said Yugoslavia only played the role of a co-ordinator and helped bring closer the positions of several member states.

Loncar underlined the need of re-energize the movement as to be better equipped to cope with the shifting global political landscape.

The majority of member states blessed the trend to streamline the movement so that it can make its presence felt on all international levels, he added.

The process, he said, will be carried out over the next three years through a programme that calls for a more effective and democratic dialogue among Nam members.

On the Middle East, Loncar said the Palestinian question is the most important issue that the movement now has to face.

The case is especially so in view of the ongoing intifada in the occupied areas and the peace offensive of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, according to the Yugoslav official.

He said the draft declaration drawn up by the foreign ministers was likely to undergo major amendments in addition to the proposals that will be presented by heads of state during the summit.

### Kuwait Fund loan for Cairo

**CAIRO, Sept 3 (Kuna):** The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development is offering Egypt \$40 million in soft loan for the purchase of heavy equipment needed in the biggest industrial textiles project in the Middle East.

The Middle East News Agency (Mena) said that a Kuwaiti Fund delegation is expected here by early next week for a one-week visit during which the loan agreement will be initiated.

The factory's production capacity will be 65,000 tons per annum at the cost of 380 million Egyptian pounds (a US dollar equals approximately 2.5 pounds) which is three times more than the current capacity of the Egyptian silk company.

Mena quoted the Egypt silk company board chairman Mohammed Zaki Malek as saying that the new factory will depend on the petroleum byproduct LPTI, which is produced for the first time in Egypt, as a raw material.

A number of major West German industrial firms will supply all necessary machines for the project which is to be completed in three years, Malek added.

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| Indian rupee     | 18.130 |
| Sri Lankan rupee | 8.020  |
| Pakistani rupee  | 14.420 |
| Bangladesh taka  | 9.250  |
| US dollar        | 30135  |
| Pound sterling   | 46975  |
| Deutsche mark    | 15240  |
| UAE dirham       | 08210  |
| Japanese yen     | 002077 |

**THE Economic Report** explains major developments in Kuwait's trade and financial relationships with the outside world during 1988, most notably changes in key balances: balance of trade, balance of services and unrequited transfers and total current account.

The Central Bank of Kuwait estimates of the merchandise trade balance show that the balance of trade recorded a surplus of KD532 million in 1988 (KD988 million in the previous year), as the value of exports and re-exports totalled KD1,974 million, against KD1,442 million for the value of imports. This decline in the trade balance surplus in 1988 is attributed to the decrease in the value of Kuwait's oil exports, according to CBK Economic Report.

The geographical distribution of the trade balance surplus in 1988 was mainly involved the following countries: Japan (KD150.9 million), Taiwan (KD99.5 million), Italy (KD96.5 million) and Pakistan (KD87.9 million).

Among major countries that Kuwait's balance of trade runs a

deficit with are the USA (KD120.4 million), UK (KD116.1 million) and West Germany (KD95.1 million). UAE and Saudi Arabia rank fifth and seventh with deficits of KD62.7 million and KD33.8 million respectively.

The world oil market was characterised by instability due to fluctuations in both the volume of production and the world demand for oil on the one hand, and the change in oil prices on the other.

The available data show that the volume of Opec countries' production of oil at certain periods of 1988 exceeded 22 million BPD, compared with their fixed production ceiling of 15.06 million BPD, excluding Iraq's quota. Furthermore, the official price of Arabian light oil dropped from \$17.5 per barrel in 1987 to \$13.7 per barrel in 1988.

No signs of improvement in oil market prices appeared before the agreement was signed on Nov 28, 1988 by Opec's thirteen member states, determining a new ceiling for production quotas and a reference price for the first six months of 1989.

The agreement provided for a production ceiling of 18.5 million barrels a day and a reference price of \$18 per barrel.

Developments witnessed by world oil markets, coupled with the circumstances faced by Opec in 1988, were reflected in the value of Kuwait's oil exports, which decreased by KD341 million below its level (164 per cent) in 1987 to reach KD1,732 million in 1988. The lower value of oil exports is attributed to the marked decrease in the price averages of these exports. However, despite the decline in the value of oil exports, this value still constitute the major portion (87.3 per cent) of the total value of Kuwaiti exports.

The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) continued integrating its downstream operations from production at home to marketing oil abroad in the form of high-quality refined products. To this end, KPC continued its programme to modernize the Kuwaiti refineries, the last of which was Mina Abdulla refinery. Thus, Kuwait was able to raise the operating capacity of its three refineries at Al Ahmadi,

Shuaiba and Mina Abdulla (the utilized production capacity of these refineries reached 650 thousand BPD).

The KPC policy, based on increasing the exports of refined products and creating outlets in the outside world, particularly in Western Europe, aims at maintaining the stability of the value of oil reserves by protecting it against price fluctuations that frequently predominate crude oil markets.

Furthermore, the loading capacity of KPC oil tankers increased by the entry into service, during the last quarter of 1988, of two new oil tankers with a capacity of 35,000 tons each, out of six oil tankers for which the KPC signed a purchase contract in January 1987.

The value of non-oil exports (excluding the value of exports on non-monetary gold) recorded a slight increase (3.9 per cent) in 1988 to reach KD242 million, against KD233 million in 1987. This increase came mainly from a rise in the value of Kuwait exports of chemical fertilizers (KD7.3 million). On the other hand, the value of re-exports and

exports of Kuwaiti origin accounted for 60 per cent and 40 per cent respectively of the total value of non-oil exports.

Despite the scant increase in the value of non-oil exports, it was the first increase after a series of declines between 1982 and 1987. The marked decline in the value of non-oil exports during that period is attributed to several reasons, mainly the Iran-Iraq war and its continuation, the rise of national industries in neighbouring countries that are competitive to Kuwait industries, and the diversion of part of the re-export and transit trade, which used to pass through Kuwaiti ports, to ports in other Gulf countries.

The most important re-exported goods are transport equipment, machinery, electrical and non-electrical appliances and textiles. The most important goods included among exports of Kuwaiti origin are fertilizers and chemicals.

The geographical distribution of the value of Kuwait exports is confined to a limited number of

countries, five of which account for 48.4 per cent of the total value of Kuwaiti exports. These countries are Japan (18.3 per cent), Italy (9.6 per cent), Holland (8.5 per cent), Taiwan (7 per cent) and Pakistan (5 per cent).

In 1988 the value of Kuwaiti imports increased by KD123 million (9.3 per cent) over the previous year. This increase is one of the indicators reflecting the minimal improvement witnessed lately by the activity of trade sector.

This increase in the value of exports can be explained by several local and international developments, the most important of which are a slight increase in local demand for imports, particularly consumer and intermediate goods, and a rise in commodity prices in the country of origin during 1988.

It was noticed, however, that the pattern of the past few years, where consumer goods ranked first (39.7 per cent) within the total value of imports, followed by intermediate and capital goods at rates of 37.2 per cent and 21.3 per cent respectively.

In terms of relative weight within the total value of Kuwaiti imports, after the group of industrial countries, come the Arab countries and the Asian non-Arab countries, with an equal share of 14.8 per cent each.

The UAE and Saudi Arabia ranked seventh and eighth among the ten major countries within the total value of Kuwaiti imports at 5.3 per cent and 5.1 per cent respectively. Meanwhile, Turkey and South Korea came at the top of non-Arab Asian countries exporting to Kuwait. This can be attributed to the relatively low prices of goods imported from these two countries, compared with prices of goods imported from the industrial countries.

The report said Kuwait's trade with the GCC countries continued its growth, started in 1987, at accelerating rates to reach KD258.3 million (an increase of 32 per cent) in 1988. This value was close to the high levels realised in 1982 (KD284.1 million).

The value of Kuwait's imports from the GCC countries in 1988 (Continued on Page 14)

## Talks on Opec tactics possible

Saudi, Kuwaiti officials to fly to Belgrade

**BELGRADE, Sept 3 (Reuters):** Several Opec ministers may use the Belgrade non-aligned summit to discuss tactics ahead of a potentially fraught Opec meeting in Geneva in three weeks' time.

But Indonesia's minister, Ginjar Kartasasmita, quashed the idea that some kind of mini-Opec would be convened in the margins of the summit.

He said he thought that some heads of state of nations which belong to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries would have bilateral exchanges during the four-day summit starting tomorrow.

"Some oil ministers who will be present would talk too."

"No formal or informal (Opec) talks have been arranged," he said. "The heads of state will make their own arrangements when they arrive but there will be bilateral talks only."

Besides Kartasasmita, the oil ministers of Nigeria and Venezuela are expected. But so far, delegates say, it seems unlikely that those of such "heavyweight" Gulf producers as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates will fly to Belgrade.

Firm demand has until now absorbed the excess with only a slight weakening of prices. The average world spot crude oil price has held above \$16 per barrel whereas it sank towards 10 in a glut last autumn.

But such Opec members as Nigeria, Venezuela and Indonesia, pinched for cash and among the leading Third World debtors, would prefer a firmer price and are worried that the market might deteriorate if supply discipline is not improved, sources close to the group say.

Western oil industry

executives think that their group would like the September 23 session of the Opec market monitoring committee to make an effort to tackle the problem and that that would be the focus of any exchanges among them in Belgrade.

A lasting solution, however, would require the eight-member committee to turn itself into a decision-making Opec conference bringing in all 13 ministers to set new quotas on a basis that would satisfy Kuwait and the UAE.

A majority at the last Opec meeting, in June, was not prepared to surrender market share and give them the extra barrels to which they say they are entitled.

An added worry for smaller, poorer Opec sellers is that, Iraq is now rebuilding output capacity after its Gulf war with Iran and can be expected to want to sell more soon.

### Combat role ruled out

## US aid package arrives

**BOGOTA, Sept 3 (Reuters):** Two US C-130 cargo planes arrived here today as the first part of a \$65 million emergency aid package to help Colombia fight its powerful drug cartels.

The planes, which were to be handed over to the Colombian military during a brief ceremony at Catam Air Force base on the outskirts of the capital, contained spare parts for eight OA-37 fighter jets that will be delivered tomorrow as another instalment of the aid package announced August 25.

Asked if the planes also contained arms to fight the drug war, a US embassy spokesman said he could not comment.

Five UH-1 Huey transport helicopters will be ferried to Colombia on Tuesday on a C-5 transport aircraft that will also carry bullet-proof vests to protect judges from attacks by drug hit squads.

The United States is also sending up to 100 military advisers to Colombia, where the government has launched a major offensive against drug cartels following the recent murders of a leading presidential candidate, a judge and a regional police commander.

The US and Colombian governments have both

ruled out any combat role for the advisers, 10 of whom arrived here on Friday to help prepare for arrival of the aid shipments.

Meanwhile, Colombia's leading newspaper, El Espectador, target of a bomb attack apparently ordered by drug lords, pledged to continue work for what it called the salvation of democracy.

"We continue," said the front-page headline of a black and white edition reduced to 16 pages after a powerful bomb Saturday caused extensive damage to the newspaper's offices.

The attack against the 102-year-old newspaper, a relentless crusader against the narcotics trade, was claimed by "the extraditables," a shadowy group linked to the Medellín drug cartel.

"The extraditables" announced an "all-out war" 10 days ago against Colombia's political establishment, business leaders, judges and journalists.

The country's other leading newspaper, El Tiempo, said in an editorial that it was time to set up a "unified front against the common enemy."

It said all Colombian newspapers signed a statement reiterating their support for the government anti-drug crackdown.

## Kaifu visit to strengthen trade ties with Mexico

**MEXICO CITY, Sept 3 (Reuters):** Japan Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu's first official visit to Mexico, starting today, is expected to bring sizable assistance to the Latin American country, diplomatic sources said.

Japan has already offered to provide \$1.4 billion in loans to support Mexican debt reduction operations, Japanese officials said in Washington today.

Mexico would use the money to buy US treasury zero coupon bonds as security for Mexican government bonds that would be exchanged for part of its \$53 billion medium- and long-term commercial bank debt at a discount under an agreement reached on July 23.

During his two-day stay in the Mexican capital, Kaifu will also discuss ways in which Japan can help combat chronic pollution in the world's largest metropolis.

"Japan is waiting for Mexico to put forward a detailed plan for anti-pollution co-operation,"

Japan's Ambassador to Mexico, Ryukichi Imai, told a recent news conference here.

He said it was too soon to say how much financial assistance Japan would make available for the project, but according to press reports it could be up to \$1 billion.

Mexico City and Tokyo are among the most polluted cities on earth and in the Mexican capital high lead content and ozone levels kill hundreds of children and old people each year.

Kaifu will meet Tuesday with President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who visited Tokyo two years ago when he was planning and budget minister and is interested in promoting Mexican trade co-operation with Pacific rim countries.

Mexico enjoys a trade surplus with Japan thanks to annual sales of 180,000 barrels per day of crude oil. State oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos recently began negotiations with Japan-

ese clients of renewing a 10-year supply contract that expires at the end of this year.

Japanese investment in Mexico stands at \$1.3 billion, fourth in the foreign investment table behind the United States, West Germany and Britain. Japan would like to invest more.

Though Mexico modified its foreign investment regulations in May, cutting red tape and easing some restrictions, Imai said Japanese businessmen have reported continuing constraints.

Japan is interested in investing in Mexico's expanding petrochemical industry, following last month's decision to reduce the number of products reserved for the state, industry sources said.

Japan has also invested vigorously in Mexico's in-bond industry, known as Maquiladoras, which accounts for \$2 billion a year in foreign exchange income to Mexico. Japanese firms in the Tijuana



Faisal Al Khaled

Inter-OIC trade to be reviewed

### Al Khaled for Istanbul

**KUWAIT, Sept 3 (KUNA):** Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry, acting Minister of Finance and Oil Faisal Al Khaled leaves here for Istanbul today to head Kuwait's delegation to the meetings of the standing committee for economic and trade co-operation of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

The meeting is scheduled to start on Tuesday and will last for two days.

An official Finance Ministry source said the standing committee members will discuss a report by the Islamic Centre for Developing Trade between inter-OIC countries in addition to other topics.

The standing committee's meeting is scheduled to be preceded by a meeting of experts between September 3-4 with Kuwaiti finance undersecretary Abdel Mohsin El Haneef taking part in the said gathering.

Turkish President, chairman of the standing committee Kanan Evren will open the committee's fifth session and will deliver a speech on the occasion.

Premier Turgut Ozal and OIC secretary-general Dr Hamed Al Ghabid and other officials will address the conference.

Minister of Electricity and Water Homoud Al Rogbah also leaves today for Istanbul to take part in the first meeting of OIC energy ministers scheduled to begin on Tuesday.

### Maruti to enter French market

**NEW DELHI, Sept 3:** The Maruti-800 car will shortly enter the French market. The first shipment of 705 cars will be made by the end of next month, and a similar shipment would follow in November 1989. It is expected that about 2,500 cars would be shipped to France by the end of this financial year, reports an Indian daily.

Maruti's distributor in France is M's Chardonnet, who has been in the automobile distribution business in that country for over 40 years, and have a distribution network of over 150 dealers.

Chardonnet has organised a launch of the Maruti-800 in Paris on September 8, 1989.

The sale of cars in France requires that they conform to EEC standards, as applicable in that country, according to managing director R.C. Bhargava.

Bhargava said the cars were, therefore, subjected to a series of rigorous tests which included emission, braking, performance and crash tests.

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Gulf Bank weekly market review

## KD easier against major currencies

**BASED** on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was lower against the dollar ending the week at 299.50 fils compared with its week before last closing of 298.75 fils. The KD was lower against the pound sterling, ending the week at 472.16 fils compared with its week before last closing of 466.80 fils. The KD was lower against the DM ending the week at 153.22 fils compared with its week before last closing of 152.07 fils. The KD was also lower against the SFR ending the week at 177.90 fils compared with its week before last closing of 176.27 fils, according to Gulf Bank weekly market review.

The KD was easier against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 433.74 fils compared with its week before last closing of 415.51 fils. The KD was slightly easier against most other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates.

As to the KD market, short term interbank rates traded easier over the week. One-month interbank rates traded over the week within 8.50 per cent-8.56 per cent range compared with 8.50 per cent-8.68 per cent range the week before last. While 3-month interbank rates traded within 8.50 per cent-8.68 per cent range compared with 8.62 per cent-8.81 per cent range the week before last. Rates for longer periods traded also easier within a relatively similarly narrow range of 8.62 per cent-8.68 per cent and 8.68 per cent-8.75 per cent for 6 and 12 months respectively.

### World stock markets

Wall Street stock prices moved higher for most part of the week. The US stocks prices were supported by the release of US unemployment data coupled with high institutional liquidity in the market. The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week around 2737 and closed higher at 2752.09, recording a gain of almost 20 points over the previous week's closing of 2732.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange last week moved also higher. Many traders feel that a period of consolidation above 2,400 on the FTSE is needed before the market can make any attempt on the previous all-time highs.

### US dollar

The dollar over most part of the week continued to trade strong against major currencies. Several factors over the week have supported the dollar up against other currencies, mainly recent signs of the US economic strength, the firmness of US interest rates, political uncertainty in some parts of the world and finally recent release of US employment data.

US second quarter real Gross National Products (GNP) was revised to an annual growth rate of 2.7 per cent, up from earlier estimates of 1.7 per cent, much of the revision to GNP resulted from large increases in consumer and government spending. Expectations by many economists have been for GNP to be revised to 2.5 per cent. Although the release of GNP figures did not provide any fresh momentum to the dollar, however, later in the week the dollar was supported by the release of July US employment data.

### Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the dollar at 144.55/65 yen and closed the week lower at 145.90/00 compared to its last trading last closing at 143.85/95 yen. The yen could have fallen further over the week had it not been for concerted intervention efforts by the Bank of Japan coupled with large-scale life insurer sale of the dollar against the yen.

Japan's domestic prices are still on a gradual upward trend, and Bank of Japan lately seems to be more worried about the possible adverse effects of the yen's depreciation against the dollar on overall prices.

The Central Bank wants the yen to rise back to an appropriate level, so as to avoid any further imported inflationary pressures.

### Precious metals

Precious metals prices over the most of the part of the week held comparatively steady within a relatively tight market.

Gold bullion prices opened the week at 359.20/359.70 \$/oz, closed almost unchanged at 359.25/359.75 \$/oz, recording a loss of 0.5 \$/oz over the previous week's closing of 359.75/360.25 \$/oz.

Silver bullion prices opened a week at 5.11/5.13 \$/oz and closed at 5.08/5.10 \$/oz, recording a loss of only 2 cents over the previous week's closing of 5.10/5.12 \$/oz.

Platinum prices opened the week against the US\$ at 472/473 \$/oz, and closed lower at 469.00/470.50 \$/oz, recording a loss of 3 \$/oz over the previous week's closing of 472/473 \$/oz.

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## Leipzig trade fair opens

## Bonn calls for East German reform

LEIPZIG, East Germany, Sept. 3. (Reuters): East Germany's huge Leipzig trade fair opened today with the usual pomp but overshadowed by a crisis over East German refugees and doubts about the health of Communist Party chief Erich Honecker.

West Germany's top diplomat in East Berlin, Franz Bertele, told East German Prime Minister Willi Stoph the commun-

ist state's resistance to reform had helped precipitate a westward flood of refugees and strained ties with Bonn.

"The problems started in the GDR (East Germany) and they must also be solved here too," Bertele told Stoph during a visit to the stand of West German chemical giant Hoechst AG.

The twice-yearly fair is widely used as a barometer of the atmosphere between

the two German states.

Stoph, deputising for Honecker, stared at the table as Bertele spoke and then replied that East Berlin was keen to "develop normal, business like relations."

"But part of this is that both states proceed by mutually respecting sovereignty and without interfering in internal affairs," the official ADN news agency

quoted him as saying.

The 75-year-old prime minister, who paraded around dozens of stands accompanied by several other members of the state and party leadership, did not refer directly to the refugees.

Thousands are waiting to leave Hungary for the West, following the route taken by 6,000 others since Budapest began dismantling border fences last

May. Another 350 are in three West German diplomatic missions hoping for exit papers.

Honecker usually heads the official grand tour of the exhibition grounds but was operated on two weeks ago and is now on holiday recovering.

He has been seen only once in public since early July, sparking reports and rumours that he is seriously ill.

## JD steady, but dips on black market

AMMAN, Sept. 3. (Reuters): The Jordanian dinar remained almost unchanged against the dollar at official and bank rates today but fell slightly on the black market.

The Central Bank rate for imports of basic foodstuffs, medicine and fees of Jordanians studying abroad stood at 606.3/612.3 fils, compared to 606.2/612.2 on Saturday.

Banks traded the dollar at 695/705 fils in a quiet market, with the rate unchanged since Saturday. Blackmarket dealers quoted the dinar at 710/720 fils against 710/720 on Saturday, which was the first time in a month they had priced the dinar at a lower value than bank rates.

One dealer said small-scale speculators were at work, while another said a month-long flow of dollars sold by ordinary Jordanians for dinars had dried up. A third dealer said the dinar had weakened in the unofficial market because of alarm caused by a Central Bank memo on Thursday tightening rules on foreign currency resident accounts.

The new instructions say customers who withdraw or transfer money from such accounts in which cash deposits have been made must get an official permit showing the money is to finance trade or is for permitted personal use.

Jordanians may buy foreign currency worth the equivalent of 1,000 dinars a year if they can show the money is for travel, pilgrimage or overseas education and medical costs.

This can be increased to 5,000 dinars worth in exceptional circumstances with Central Bank approval.

Bankers said the new measure was to deter capital flight.

Meanwhile, Jordan's Planning Minister Ziad Fariz said today the government remained keen to privatise three major service companies and sell state shares in hotels and tourist projects.

The three state-owned corporations, which employ over 10,000 people, are Royal Jordanian Airlines, the Telecommunications Corporation and the Public Transport Corporation.

"It is the intention of the government to go ahead with the privatisation of the three enterprises and steps are now being taken to find the best formula for implementation," Fariz said.

"The government has already expressed intention to sell its shares in a number of companies and is expected to invite offers soon from the private sector to buy those shares, particularly those in hotels and tourism-related industries," he added.

The minister was speaking at the seminar organised by the United Nations Development Programme and Amman's Chamber of Industry on the private sector's role in economic development.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Sept. 3. (AP): Sri Lankan businessmen warn that the series of strikes called by anti-government radicals is wrecking the country's once flourishing economy.

But the government maintains the economy can withstand the strikes and will not collapse as predicted by the private industry.

Peter Muthukumarana, the secretary of the Sri Lanka Chamber of Commerce, said the government's confidence in the economy's future was exaggerated.

"Due to the closure of banks, the breakdown of road and rail services, more than 800,000 traders — large, medium and small scale — are in big trouble," he said adding that at least one million people depended on these trades.

"Eighty per cent of money required to cover the government's expenditure comes from taxes charged from 800,000 local merchants," Muthukumarana said. "But under the current situation, these merchants are not in a position to run their businesses, let alone pay taxes — a major fiscal headache for everybody, including of course the government."

Lyn Fernando, the chairman of the Sri Lanka Apparel Exporters Association, said exports

had dropped "alarmingly" since early last year, months after the Sinhalese unrest began.

The militants have waged a campaign of assassinations and strikes since July 1987 to protest the government's peace overtures to secessionist Tamils. The Sinhalese militants belong to an ultranationalist guerrilla group called the People's Liberation Front.

Before the unrest began, Fernando said, garment exports earned \$375 million annually for this island nation once known as Ceylon.

"Now the whole industry is in a disarray. Industrialists are unable to meet export deadlines," he said.

Many of the association's 110 members warned they will have to lay off factory workers this month, Fernando said. The country's 175 ready-made garment factories employ 50,000 people.

The unemployed would be "easy pickings for recruitment by the subversives," Fernando said.

A monthly economic review of the state-owned People's Bank reported that earnings from all major exports — tea, rubber, gems, garments and petroleum products — dropped this year.

It said tourism reduced by nearly 50 per cent during the first quarter of this year, earning \$12 million compared to \$21 million in the same period last year.

Tourism was once the largest foreign exchange earner for the Indian Ocean island famous for its gems and tea.

Due to dent in local production, the island had to import large quantities of the island's staple food of rice, wheat flour and sugar, the review said. The country's trade deficit was \$217 million during the first quarter of 1989, compared with \$209 million for the same period in 1988, it said.

A five-day strike last week, the longest called by the radicals so far, virtually paralysed life in the Sinhalese heartland of central and southern Sri Lanka. Several strikes called earlier by the front have been equally successful.

During the strikes, public and private offices remain open but are without staff, factories, businesses and banks close, transport halts and port and docks are deserted.

The strikes are called through wall posters and leaflets that threaten death. The Front, striving to overthrow the government, accuses it of giving too many concessions to the Tamils.

## Buoyed by pay victories

## UK unions gather for meeting

LONDON, Sept. 3. (Reuters): British labour unions, emerging from a decade of eclipse under harsh anti-strike laws, begin their annual conference tomorrow buoyed by a series of summer pay victories that have alarmed the Conservative government.

Strikes or threats of industrial action across the public sector have smashed an unofficial seven per cent ceiling on wage increases and established nine per cent as the going rate. Crucially, they have done it without alienating public opinion.

Despite chaos caused by national transport and dock strikes, the unions have shed some of the unpopularity that allowed Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to curb their power.

A Gallup poll published in the Sunday Telegraph newspaper showed 70 per cent of people believed union leaders were right to fight to keep pace with the cost of living.

Some 40 per cent sympathised with the dockers' unsuccessful battle to save a jobs-for-life scheme in the ports which the government scrapped as a restrictive anachronism.

And 34 per cent of those polled thought Thatcher had gone too far with laws that enforce secret strike ballots, limit picketing and impose heavy fines on unions which disobey.

So labour leaders are gathering in the northwest resort of Blackpool for the weeklong conference of the Trades Union Congress (TUC) in an atmosphere of greater public favour than at any time since 1979 when strikes were blamed as one of the main reasons for the emergence of the Thatcher revolution.

A number of factors have contributed to the shift. High among them is a feeling, reflected in opinion polls, that the balance of power has swung too much towards employers.

The major cause however has been Thatcher's apparent loss of control over the economy and a swift rise in inflation from 3.3 per cent at the start of 1988.

The unions themselves have moderated their policies after being dominated for the two decades before Thatcher by strike-prone leftwing leadership.

The government, which in recent years took on and humbled the once mighty miners, printers and seamen's unions, has lost almost every battle against the unions this summer.

It won only against the dockers who waged a traditional all-out strike that collapsed although it was orchestrated by the transport workers, the biggest union in the country.

Other unions fought subtler disputes including the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR)

which ran a campaign of weekly one-day strikes that won its claims in full.

A campaign of one-day strikes by the British Broadcasting Corporation, local government workers and London bus and underground train drivers were equally successful.

Such stoppages have shown the unions that action within the law can be as effective as the old confrontations.

## Steel mill in record sales

LAGOS, Sept. 3. (OPECNA): Nigeria's steel rolling company, located in the northern state of Katsina, recorded total sales of about \$8.6 million in the first six months of this year, according to the firm's general manager Zayyana Ahmed.

He said the record figure was achieved through the construction of a wire drawing plant, producing wire for the manufacture of nails, spring chains and barbed wire. The modification of the plant's facilities, enabling it to work more efficiently, had also contributed to the performance.

The mill, which recently increased production capacity by about 47.6 per cent, was the only one of its kind in the country to achieve such a production level, he said.

## Economic emergency law approved

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Sept. 3. (AP): Congress approved a six-month emergency law yesterday drastically scaling back subsidies to provinces and businesses that the cash-strapped government wasn't paying anyway.

The economic emergency law reduces tax abatements by one-half to businesses in four rural, impoverished provinces, including La Rioja, where President Carlos Menem was governor until taking over the presidency July 8.

State companies for the 180-day life of the law no longer will have to give preference in purchases to goods made in Argentina, which usually cost more than imported materials.

Central Bank assistance to provincial or national government banks, which often run deficits, was curtailed. Foreign capital was encouraged by a decision to treat foreign and local investments equally.

The law, submitted by the presidency in late July, was approved virtually intact. It may be extended for an additional 180 days when it expires.

There was no immediate comment from Menem, but he said repeatedly as the bill languished in Congress that approval was necessary to stabilise Argentina's economy, now in recession, and provide the basis for sustained growth.

## S. Korean trawlers pull out of Muscat

MUSCAT, Oman, Sept. 3. (AP): Five South Korean trawlers operating under licence to the Omani government have pulled out of Omani waters after a disagreement over royalty terms, fishing industry sources said today.

A spokesman for the trawler fleet operators, the Korean Overseas Fisheries Company, confirmed the firm was winding down its Muscat office and switching its operational base to Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates.

"The agreement with the Omani government is completed, the company is moving out," the spokesman said, indicating a caretaker presence would remain to support company operations in the region. The spokesman could not be named in line with company regulations.

The move coincided with closures of two Korean trade centres in Oman and in the central Gulf island state of Bahrain with the intention of expanding activities in the bustling southern Gulf port city of Dubai.

"We feel it is better to concentrate on the ... market from Dubai," said a spokesman for Muscat's centre.

"Dubai is getting very active commodity movement wise so it was felt we should give more emphasis there," he said.

Oman imports around \$20 million worth of Korean goods annually, mostly machinery and electronic and consumer items. Korea imports approximately 10 per cent of Oman's 500,000 barrel per day oil production.

In Bahrain, the centre was closing its office after 13 years on the island. Its director, Yung-Hun Choi, told the local press that the move to Dubai was being made because "our market expansion is limited in Bahrain ... Bahrain is a small market compared with other markets in the region."

Bahrain imported \$19.4 million worth of goods from the Southeast Asian nation in 1988, consisting of electrical goods, cars, textiles and garments, but exported more than \$50.7 million worth, mainly aluminium, petrochemical products and oil.

Dubai's apparent excellence over Bahrain and Oman lies in its being a major trade re-export centre.

While the move of the trade centres to Dubai is commercially expedient, the fisheries deal appears more the result of a disagreement over royalties.

The Korean Overseas Fisheries Company (KORFC) had been operating in Omani waters since 1977 and provided 38 per cent of its catch to the government as a form of royalty. Its catch was estimated at 2,000 tons per vessel annually, according to the fishing industry sources.

When the three-yearly concession agreement came up for renewal in January, the government stipulated a higher royalty which the Koreans were not willing to pay, they said.

## Economies in Bonn, Tokyo remain strong

## Fed likely to ease policy

THE dollar's movements over the summer months directly reflected market perception over the likelihood of recession as against a cooled landing of marginally lower economic activity and restrained inflation. Earlier concerns of an impending recession providing licence for conservative Federal Reserve easing saw the dollar markedly weaker. However, with slightly more sanguine indicators, and corresponding market reassertment, the dollar recouped previous losses to stand since the last time of writing virtually unchanged on a trade-weighted basis, according to NBER Currency Monitor.

Factors which have given rise to the dollar's summer rally remain sufficiently in place to keep the US unit reasonably well supported in an established DM1.85-2.05 range as we go into the autumn.

Major economic policies designed to reduce the public sector burden, and control monetary growth, have successfully reduced the budget deficit to within 2 per cent of GNP whilst monetary aggregates have stayed well within target ranges. The anticipated improvement to the trade position endorses market perception that a relative improvement to the international economic imbalances are at least taking place. Political uncertainty elsewhere, and an interest rate differential remaining just about in the dollar's favour have been added incentives for the demand for US dollar denominated assets.

Longer term however, one must remain mindful that present US policies represent no more than necessary adjustments to past excesses. Longer term a currency ultimately reflects the relative strength of its economy vis-a-vis its trading partners. The dollar's appreciation would have eroded its earlier competitive advantage thereby reinforcing import demand and adversely impacting export performance. With a continual deterioration in the service account expected, reflecting rising interest payments as the US widens its net debtor status, any further improvement to the trade position will be countered with the current account gap unlikely to turnaround significantly and indeed is estimated to rise come early 1990.

Although the Federal Reserve is expected to pursue its "gradualist" approach to easing policy, a narrowing in interest rate differentials as the economy slows, continues to be anticipated. Combined with key budget debates coming in October are expected to ultimately cap the dollar's rise. On a longer term horizon investor re-appraisal of the dollar's fortunes will subside confidence and a necessary downward correction of the US unit is ultimately forecast.

Elsewhere, with the exception of Japan, the possibility of further interest rate rises has subsided although for the foreseeable future any ease in policy in line with that in the US can be ruled out. In both West Germany and Japan economic growth remains exceptionally strong, with inflation continuing to be the key policy issue.

Indicators in the UK are mildly encouraging of a moderation in consumer demand and a peaking in inflationary pressure. However any policy reversal will require more substantive evidence of slowdown.

The strength of the dollar witnessed on the international exchanges this month, was reflected locally in its performance against other major currencies. While the dollar opened at its lowest value against the Kuwaiti dinar, all remaining currencies under consideration have peaked at the opening, to register significant depreciation against the KD over the period.

The closing central bank KD/dollar rate of 298.19 fils showed an appreciation of the US unit in the magnitude of 1.68 per cent, from the opening top of 293.27 fils, this month's minimum level. Reaching a high of 299.03 fils, it registered an average value of 297.24 fils over the period.

The pound sterling was the least stable currency, depreciating by 3.22 per cent, within the parameters of the wider range of 467.46 and 487.92 fils. After opening at its highest level for the month, it moved in a downward direction to close at 472.19 fils. Hitting a low of 467.46 fils, its average stood at 474.30 fils.

The Deutschmark fell from 157.18 fils on August 1, to 153.48 fils at closing, shedding 2.35 per cent of its value. It averaged 155.18 fils over the 3-week period and moved within the ranges of 152.45 and 157.18 fils.

The Swiss franc showed a depreciation of 0.35 per cent, opening at 182.29 fils, this month's maximum level to close at 177.96 fils. Moving within the parameters of 176.86 and 182.29 fils, it reached an average of 179.16 fils.

A similar trend was displayed by the French franc, as it reached its highest exchange value at the beginning of the month 46.62 fils, moving downward to close at 45.47 fils, thus shedding 2.05 per cent of its value. Hitting a low of 45.19 fils, its average stood at 45.70 fils.

Finally, the Japanese yen was the second least stable currency, showing a depreciation in value of 0.52 per cent. Having opened at 214.55 fils, this month's maximum level, it closed at 209.15 fils, after hitting a low of 208.81 fils and registering an average of 210.97 fils.

Over the summer the dollar's movements have primarily reflected oscillations in market perception as to whether the economy can achieve a soft landing of only moderately lower economic activity and inflation under control or whether a recession is inevitable.

Earlier sentiment that recessionary trends were already in place leaving the Federal Reserve unhampered to considerably ease policy saw the US unit dip substantially lower.

However, more moderate trends have provided more encouraging signals that a fairly controlled landing was feasible. Consequently the dollar recouped its earlier losses and has, since the last time of writing, stayed virtually unchanged on a trade-weighted basis at 71.4.

Following sterling's precipitous decline during the early summer months the currency has consolidated, remaining relatively constant on a trade-weighted basis at 91.0. Earlier gains vis-a-vis the dollar were later offset with the latter's correction to current £/S1.57. Against the DM, sterling has held its own, oscillating within a narrow DM3.64-3.68 range.

Interpretation of recent data releases suggests that the present high interest rate policy is succeeding in moderating previously intense economic activity. Trade figures appear to confirm the trend. Whilst still providing an appalling £19 billion annualised current account deficit of this year (representing virtually 4 per cent of GDP), the deterioration which had been gathering momentum since summer 1988 appears now to be arrested.

A substitution and slight improvement for the remainder of the year is forecast to achieve a current account deficit of £16.0 billion (£18.0 billion). A more substantive amelioration is difficult to justify, however, requiring a major downward adjustment in growth to achieve. Although import demand is likely to weaken in line with slower activity, sterling's past strength combined with above average OECD consumer and wage inflation has eroded UK competitiveness with non-oil export manufacturing undoubtedly suffering. As oil revenues begin to diminish, the ability of the non-oil manufacturing sector to sufficiently make up the shortfall remains doubtful.

Given that the government's strategy is already mid-way through its current term in office, its preparedness to see economic growth substantially lower in order to achieve a more meaningful correction to the external position is limited. Consequently we continue to forecast that the UK is faced with a current account deficit representing in excess of three per cent of GNP for this year and next.

Given the government's objective to controlling inflation there remains little economic justification for raising interest rates. Despite encouraging evidence of economic slowdown, with retail sales flat and the pace of job creation and industrial output easing, average earnings at 9.0 per cent and retail prices remaining at a year-on-year rate of 8.2 per cent provides little room for complacency.

Indeed lower unemployment and slower output growth suggests increased labour costs per unit of output. With several major wage settlements still to be agreed, and are unlikely to be lower than current average earnings, wage-price pressures will remain very much intact.

If the government were serious in its objective to realise a 0.3 per cent inflation rate, a sustained policy of high interest rates, resulting in considerably lower growth over a prolonged period would be necessary.

In that the present administration is already mid-way through its term in office with present popularity waning, policy is likely to be moderated. The recent respite in economic numbers and the possibility of further increase in house mortgage rates if bank base rates are not reduced suggests that a half per cent interest rate cut is on the cards. The timing of which will probably coincide with either the political party conferences in October or the November autumn statement, with another half a per cent possibly scheduled for the March budget.

Shocks to the political environment continue to reverberate, overshadowing the financial markets. The defeat for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in the Upper House elections at the end of July was a humiliating blow for a party which had retained power since its foundation in 1955. Although maintaining overall control of government through its majority in the lower house, with a general election to be called by July 1990 and further reconfigurations from the Recruit scandal yet to surface, considerable uncertainty still persists.

## Bombay shares

| BOMBAY Stock Exchange — Closing prices (Rs) as on Sept. 1, 1989. |        |
|--|--------|
| ACC  | 274    |
| Asia Paint   | 205    |
| Brooke Bond  | 85     |
| Reliance   | 330    |
| Bajaj Auto   | 675    |
| Bombay Dywida  | 124    |
| Century Spinning   | 2145   |
| Colgate  | 168.75 |
| BSE Index  | 733.50 |
| Deepak Fert.   | 30.75  |
| E.I. Hotel   | 56     |
| Esakyl   | 117.50 |
| Esar   | 27.75  |
| GNFC   | 35.50  |
| GSFC   | 165    |
| Grasim   | 112.50 |
| G.E. Ship  | 41     |
| Garware Polyester  | 68.50  |
| Glindia  | 92.50  |
| Hindalco   | 130    |
| Hind Lever   | 98.25  |
| Hindalco   | 267.50 |
| Hindmotor  | 32.75  |
| I.T.C.   | 63     |
| Indian Organic   | 46.75  |
| Indrayan   | 82     |
| Indrol   | 268.75 |
| J.K. Synthetics  | 81     |
| Larsen and Toubro  | 103    |
| Mather PL  | 132    |
| Mukand   | 15.50  |
| Master Shri  | 91     |
| Mahindra   | 620    |
| Nocil  | 1050   |
| Orkay  | 16.25  |
| Premier Auto   | 57.50  |
| Peico  | 19.50  |
| Pfizer   | 64     |
| Raymond  | 109    |
| Reliance   | 51.50  |
| Spic   | 107    |
| Siemens  | 350    |
| Sid Mills  | 250    |
| Tata Power   | 120    |
| Tata Chemicals   | 123.50 |
| Tisco  | 1210   |
| Telco  | 1047   |
| Volta  | 845    |
| Nat index  | 385.43 |
| (Compiled by Kuwait India International Exchange Co.)            |        |

## Kuwait's trade with GCC countries continues to grow

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totalled KD189.1 million; the noticeable increase (55 per cent) in this value compared with its level in 1987 shows the relative stability in the upward trend of these imports over the past few years.

The value of Kuwaiti imports from these countries was divided into goods of national origin (71.7 per cent) and goods of non-national origin (28.3 per cent). Further, the increase in the value of imports was also divided into the value of imported goods of national origin (56.8 per cent) and others of non-national origin (50.6 per cent).

The increased value of Kuwait's imports of goods of national origin from the GCC countries may be attributed to the increased local demand resulted from the growing competitiveness of these goods, which also justifies the expansion and growth of both industrial and agricultural sectors in these countries.

Moreover, the increased value of Kuwait's imports of goods of non-national origin from the GCC countries reflects the

developing and flourishing commercial role played by these countries in the region.

Kuwait's exports to the GCC countries in 1988 totalled KD69.2 million (a decline of 5.3 per cent below their level in 1987), indicating an 8.3 per cent increase in the value of Kuwaiti exports of national origin over the previous year, against a decrease of 22.6 per cent in the value of Kuwait's exports of non-national origin.

The distribution of trade by products between Kuwait and the GCC countries can be divided into three main groups: animal and agricultural products and industrial products.

Industrial products ranked first in the components of the balance of trade between Kuwait and the GCC countries, as they accounted for 86 per cent of the total value of Kuwait's imports from these countries in 1988. The most important components of industrial products that Kuwait imports from the GCC countries were concentrated in chemicals, iron bars, plastic products and cement. Furthermore, both

animal and agricultural products and natural products ranked second and third in the priority list of Kuwaiti imports from the GCC countries.

As for Kuwait's exports to the GCC countries, industrial products, concentrated in manufactured foods, constituted 97 per cent of the total value of these exports. Meanwhile, agricultural and animal products, mostly dairy products, account for the remainder.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia and the UAE captured the major portion of Kuwait's trade with the GCC countries. The share of these two countries constitutes 82.5 per cent of the value of Kuwait's imports and 86.1 per cent of the value of its exports. After Saudi Arabia and the UAE come Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

During 1988 the concerned authorities continued their efforts to support and activate the momentum of Kuwait's foreign trade. They also adopted certain measures to secure more protection for domestic industries. Some agreements for economic and trade co-operation were concluded between Kuwait

and other countries, one with Tunisia, another with Algeria and a third with Denmark. Furthermore, Kuwait participated in regional and international conferences on developing and regulating trade among countries.

Locally, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry took three decisions extending the period of customs protection for a number of domestic products of manufactured consumer goods. The ministry also passed another decision regulating the re-export of certain foodstuffs imported by the Kuwait Supply Company and another decision exempting from customs duties imports similar to domestic products of wood furniture imported for personal use.

The surplus of the balance of services (net) in the balance of payments for 1988 recorded a noticeable increase (72.8 per cent) in its value: KD1,151 million against KD666 million in 1987. This increase is mainly attributed to an increase in the net income from investments (government and private) abroad, due to a rise in the value

of invested assets and an improvement in interest rates in the international financial markets.

On the other hand, the total current account (transactions of merchandise and services exchange with the outside world and unrequited transfers) realised an increase in 1988 of KD12 million over the previous year, bringing the current account surplus to KD1,315 million.

Preliminary indicators show a possible improvement in oil revenues in 1989 for several reasons, mainly adherence to Opec's agreement made in November 1988 determining the ceiling for the average production of each member country, coupled with co-operation between Opec and non-Opec oil producing countries to support crude oil prices, in addition to increased world demand for oil. Oil sources, however, expect the average price of benchmark crude oil to exceed the level of \$15.00 per barrel in 1989 against \$13.00 per barrel in 1988.

Furthermore, it is expected that the cessation of the Iraq-Iran war would lead non-oil

exports and transit and re-export operations to increase, as the forthcoming period requires development efforts and reconstruction in both countries.

In harmony with the moderate increase in public expenditure, Kuwait's imports are expected to increase proportionally with the increase in its oil receipts. And as a result of these developments, which are expected in both oil and non-oil exports and imports, the trade balance surplus should witness some improvement in 1989.

After changes in the structure of local interest rates made in December 1988 as shown earlier in this report, the rise in local interest rates would help to narrow the differential between these rates and international interest rates and thereby curb private sector capital outflows. As a result of this, the total surplus of the current account for 1989 is expected to remain at its present level due to the stability in net invested assets for both government and private sectors abroad, assuming that interest rates in international financial markets would not decline.



## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

## SOCIAL

## Indian food festival

**RAMADA AL Salam** is organising an Indian food festival from Sunday Sept 3 till Thursday Sept 7, 1989. Big variety of delicious Indian dishes and sweets, this is beside the authentic Indian atmosphere tailored to match the occasion. Time: from 7 pm up to midnight. Place: El Bender Coffee Shop.

## Onam celebration

**SEPT 14:** It has been proposed to celebrate the Onam Festival at Indian Arts Circle. A committee is formed with Dr K.T.B. Menon and M. Mathews as the patrons. The programme will start at 7 pm with cultural programmes and will be followed by a fabulous traditional Onam Sadya. Passes will be available with K.C. Easwari. Tel: 240 5100 (O/T) 5339425 (Res) C.T. Kuruvilla, 4745628 (O/T) 5638602 (Res), Madhu, Tel: 5638762 (Res) or at IAC office 3904817.

## Syndicate live

**SEPT 15:** In a rare spirit of camaraderie, two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, the Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will jointly host 'Syndicate Live', a musical extravaganza, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, featuring Goa's one and only, The Syndicate, with Kuwait's Top Rankers, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones with a host of local artists. Watch out for booking plans.

## Kalep exhibition

**SEPT 15:** Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalep) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian Embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone No: 5632708/4316737/562620.

## Melody Night '89

**AN** evening of popular Indian music by local stars from 6.30 pm to 10 pm on Friday 8th Sept '89, at the Sharq Co-op. Society Hall. For details contact Tel: 5640389 between 3.00 pm and 10.00 pm or Al Bahar Video, Tel: 5615730.

## Breeze '89

**OCT 26:** Tivim Centre's - Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival.

**Top Rank and Stepping Stones** will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casimir or Mario on Tel. No. 244180/67 after 3.30 pm.

## Kapilku Night

**BAGONG KAMPEON AND SING-ALIKE CONTEST:** The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their singing contest on Friday, Sept 29 at Holiday Inn Hotel at 5.00 pm. The singing contest will be classified into two categories. Bagong Kampeon (regular singing contest) and the sing-alike in which the participant will imitate his favourite singer. The first three winners in each division will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors and donors.

**GRAND FINAL:** The first three winners in each division will automatically qualify for the grand final which will be held on Oct 20.

Cash and other valuable prizes like air ticket worth KD2,000,000 will be given to the winners for both categories. Trophies will also be awarded to the champions and runners-up. All previous winners are requested to contact the chairman for rehearsal.

**REGISTRATION:** All participants are requested to contact Sarah Macarimbang, vice-president for social and cultural affairs and the chairman of the said project on telephone number 4843447 and Rod Cerezo on telephone number 2433595 for registration. Ticket for the affair is KD2,500 and participants are free.

## Kapilku Tailoring Class

The tailoring class is one of the free classes offered by the Kapilku to all bonafide Filipino members and will begin on Friday, Sept 22 at Far East Restaurant at 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. This self-improvement course is one of the many projects by Kapilku this year.

The tailoring course will run every Friday from Sept 22 till Oct 3. All successful participants will receive certificate from the organisers.

**MATERIALS:** All materials for the course will be given free to all participants, like cloth, scissors, L and curved ruler, tape measure, thread, needles and others.

The instructors for the tailoring course are Eliezer, E. Antolin and Bayani Trinidad. Both are experts in their own rights as master cutter and worked in one of the leading tailoring shops in Metro Manila. The course will cover master cutting, short and long pants, short sleeves and long shirt and Barong Tagalog. Executive suits will also be covered in the course.

**Kapilku President, Manny Insento** sees that this course will be more interesting to all the members as previous classes like hair beauty class, baking and cooking classes and hotel and restaurant operations class were a great success.

Vice-president for welfare and special projects Ojie Olori is the chairman of the said project and vice-chairman are Bayani Trinidad and Eliezer Antolin.

**REGISTRATION:** The registration for the tailoring class will start today and may contact vice-president Sarah Macarimbang on telephone number 4843447. This will be on first come basis.

The class is being sponsored by Adnan Khalil, general manager of Far East Restaurant Co.

## Filcheck chess

**SEPT 26:** The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filcheck) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament".

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

## British Council

**THE British Council** presents "Briefing on Britain" a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel: 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

## Colva Nite

**OCT 19:** Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel: 2413884/2434776/5629141/4310913 after 5 pm.

## Star Nite

**DEC 21:** Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dir'a' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-12 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. Ticket for the affair is KD2,500 and participants are free. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

## D'Assisi Association

**OCTOBER 6:** Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

## Konkani drama

**NOVEMBER 2, 3:** The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintam Zalm Sopann" at the IAC (Finaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jacinio Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

## HOTELS

**At the Pullman Hotel**  
AL Shallah coffee shop: Offers daily businessman's lunch "autour d'un plat" at a reasonable price. Serves Arabic and international dishes. Live music nightly from 7.30 pm.

**Les Elysées Restaurant:** Experience the ambience of French seating and meticulous service while savouring authentic French food offered on our "menu degustation", a four course meal served with a touch of nouvelle cuisine. For reservations, call: 5634200

## At the SAS hotel

**AL GHAZEER:** SAS hotel's very own handcrafted show. Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackle provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 416.

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## At the Kuwait Continental

**GARDENIA:** Open from 7 am to midnight, offers a dinner buffet on Thursday nights and Friday lunch, consisting of Jumbo prawns, bryani and other charcoal grilled Continental, Arabic and Indian specialties. Our new Gardenia menu chicken and mixed grilled sizzlers which are everyone's favourite.

**DARBAR:** Offers an Indian buffet daily for lunch, except Fridays, and a la carte for dinner.

## At the Meridian Hotel

**OPENING** on Sept 9 the Versailles Restaurant celebrates the new season with an exciting new a la carte menu featuring delicious seafood dishes and always the great value business. Enjoy a truly elegant and dining experience with the finest cuisine and atmosphere. International music is provided by Jo Lee, a veritable one woman band, is guaranteed to help to make the dinner at the Versailles truly a night to remember.

**LA BRASSERIE:** Brand new menu at the La Brasserie... definitely worth the wait. The new a la carte menu at the La Brasserie features a choice of appetizer, entree and dessert. In addition to a lavish buffet with different starters various hot dishes and mouthwatering desserts. And remember the buffet changes daily for the guests.

**EVERY SATURDAY THAI CORNER:** Enjoy genuine Thai cuisine at the La Brasserie. The Thai corner features a variety of great authentic dishes in addition to the restaurant's regular lavish buffet.

**EVERY SUNDAY COWBOY NIGHT:** Taste the Texas fair at the La Brasserie. No compromise with this salute to the US includes live foot tappin country and Western music plus decor costumes and ambience with more than a touch of the real wild west.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY THE INDONESIAN CORNER:** Enjoy some of the country's best loved dishes at the La Brasserie in addition to the regular Brasserie buffet.

**EVERY THURSDAY:** Tuck in the tempo... experience an evening of the great jazz sound in jam sessions at the La Brasserie featuring delicious sea food buffet with that catch out the day freshness plus a range of local and international dishes.

Friday equals family fun only at La Brasserie... lavish buffet... live entertainment toys and gifts for the children and even some real magic.

**KIWI LOVERS:** A down under delicacy the Kiwi will be featured at Al Fingan from Oct 8 to the 19th in tempting variety of ways from juices to delicious tarts and desserts.

## At the Kuwait International

**LA PALMA:** Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Satur-

days and Tuesdays. Ext 8166. **Falaka:** Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

**Garden Pool:** Relax and enjoy our poolside barbecue event every Friday afternoon.

**La Patisserie:** Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings

## At the Holiday Inn

**AT the Coffee Shop:** A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5,000 per pax and half price for children.

**AL ANDALUS:** Thursday - Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

**FAMILY BRUNCH:** Calling all kids... we have a great party every Friday. It's our Friday brunch party and everyone is invited. Come and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters plus magic... magic... by the great magician. Magic and surprises awaits each kid. Price: KD5,000 for adults and half the price for children.

**AT THE SWIMMING POOL:** From 8.30 pm spend a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue - music - games - prizes and surprises plus our delicious and yummy, Shazad barbecue. Come and join the fun. At only KD5,500 per person and KD2,750 for children.

**At the Kuwait Plaza hotel**  
**SPECIAL breakfast:** Al-Dallah coffee shop features the breakfast you like most. Full buffet of all kind of delicious dishes to be savoured by you. Eat as much as you can and whatever dish you fancy for only 0.995 only.

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**Roman nights:** The Italian restaurant in the heart of Kuwait takes you to the heart of Rome. Enjoy our exotic Italian specialties and our wide variety of Italian dishes with the music of our resident duo Stan and Alice.

## SPORTS

## Ahmadi kart racing

**NEW** season starts Sept 29, 1989. Pre-season meeting for all drivers, helpers, etc. at the Ahmadi track clubhouse on Tuesday, Sept 1989 at 8.00 pm. People interested in participating as drivers or helpers welcome to attend. Please contact Mike Snell on 2441505, 2426997 or 9013541 for further information.

## Unity Thursday League

**TEAMS** wishing to play in the Unity Thursday League at Ahmadi are kindly requested to contact Abdullah Mohammed (Tel: 39895456) or Deniz Menzes (Tel: 3989671) after 4.30 pm for more details. Closing date for entries on Sept 10.

## Pepsi-Sanyo prize draw

**THE First Prize Draw** in the Pepsi-Sanyo soccer promotion was held last Saturday at Kuwait National Bottling Co. (Pepsi Cola) under the auspices of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and in the presence of a representative of Sanyo. A large crowd of participants attended the draw and the results were as follows:

First Prize was one Gold Football weighing one kilogramme of 22 carat won by Saad Jaman Fahad Al Azimi ticket No. 15801

Second Prize Sanyo video camera 14218  
3rd Prize "12008  
4th Prize Sanyo Hi-Fi stereo 15626  
5th Prize "13118  
6th Prize "10086  
7th Prize "10753  
8th Prize Sanyo video 10493  
9th Prize "12221  
10th Prize "15326  
11th Prize "13480

12th Prize "11594  
13th Prize "13771  
14th Prize "14829  
15th Prize Sanyo Radio-Cas. Rec. 10585  
16th Prize "14763  
17th Prize "10779  
18th Prize "13733  
19th Prize "10835  
20th Prize "13189  
21st Prize "10997  
22nd Prize "10158  
23rd Prize "12858  
24th Prize "12678  
25th Prize Sanyo TV set 14818  
26th Prize "14523  
27th Prize "13944  
28th Prize "11531  
29th Prize "10305  
30th Prize "11019  
31st Prize "10539  
32nd Prize "14838  
33rd Prize "13023  
34th Prize "10591  
35th Prize "12941  
36th Prize "15201

The next prize draw will take place on Oct. 1

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## Dubai's farm show

## Middle East Agriculture '89

A COMPREHENSIVE range of agricultural technology covering all aspects of arable, horticulture and livestock production will be on show in Dubai Nov 20-23, 1989.

Middle East Agriculture '89, the 3rd agriculture, irrigation and agri-industry show, aims to meet the needs of the farmers, agriculturalists and agro-industrialists of the Arab Gulf states who have an on-going requirement for innovative and sophisticated technology to enable them to achieve optimum output under harsh climatic conditions.

Over 70 companies from 15 countries have so far booked space at the region's prime agricultural showcase, demonstrating their commitment to the region and its farmers. Eleven companies from the official British pavilion offering a range of products to optimise production and reduce post-harvest losses. Chief industries, turnkey grain storage project specialists, offer a range of silos, heating and ventilation units and grain handling equipment.

Semper Bio Technology will be demonstrating the efficacy of their product Semperfresh, formulated entirely from food ingredients, which is applied to fruit to delay ripening and preserve freshness. Date Palm Developments and Luxgene Technology will be on hand to explain the highly specialised art of plant tissue culture. Other exhibits in the British group include wind and shade netting products, animal health products, seaweed based foliar sprays and agrochemicals, farm machinery, including the Massey Ferguson range of tractors, and automotive clutches.

The Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture and Food, who can advise on the capability of the

Dutch agricultural exporting industry, will be at Middle East Agriculture '89 in support of a group of seven companies covering the livestock, agrochemical and machinery sectors.

Another key national participation is forming in France with exhibitors offering expertise in specialist poultry and livestock production. IMV can provide AI and embryo transfer technology and equipment, and on-farm training in these techniques. Rhone Merieux offers a range of veterinary biologicals and pharmaceuticals for intensive livestock production and wild domestic animals. Making its debut will be the Muscovy Duck, reared successfully in hot climates by Grimaud Freres who can advise on breeding programmes, suitable housing, temperature control, feeding methods and flock control. Normally considered an aquatic bird the Muscovy Duck adapts well to desert conditions and its full flavoured red meat is highly regarded. Another gourmet delicacy on the French pavilion will be the quail, reared for both its meat and its eggs by Savimat.

Irrigation and water technology feature strongly at Middle East Agriculture '89 with a range of products exhibited by Orient Irrigation, A R Juma, IPL of Italy, Entek of Iceland, and VYR of Spain. Also from Spain is Sistema Azud with their range of piping, interline drips, filters, drip irrigation pegs and diffusers, which ensure a totally efficient method of irrigating crops, trees, greenhouses and individual plants.

The importance of Middle East Agriculture '89 to the UAE agricultural industry is reflected in the level of commit-

ment from local distributors and manufacturers who view participation as a means of gaining exposure to the widest possible relevant audience from through the Gulf states. They include AR Juma, Swaidan Trading, Orient Irrigation, Bin Hamoodah, Fitco, Middle East Agripest, Salameh Trading, Karim Pharmacy and Kanoo, with several more expected. In addition the UAE Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Al Ain Department of Agriculture commit staff time and resources to centrepiece stands at the show, depicting the outstanding achievements of the UAE agricultural development and their commitment to continued research.

Hoping to benefit from the relaxation of trade barriers between the states of the Gulf Cooperation Council are exhibitors from Oman and Saudi Arabia. The Public Authority for Marketing Agricultural Produce will be exhibiting Omani produced and processed dates, fruit, vegetables, spices and herbs, and fragrances.

The Tabuk Agricultural Development Company, whose objectives are to grow, process and market a range of agricultural produce including wheat, barley, forage, vegetables, fruit, honey and sheep, will be part of a group of exhibitors from Saudi Arabia.

This international event brings to the region the leading names in agri-industry from around the world. Visitors from throughout the agriculture, irrigation, food production and processing industries will be welcome and should contact Abdullah Mohammed at the Dubai World Trade Centre (Tel: 372200, Tlx: 47474, Fax: 373493) for further details.



## Farewell reception

The Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, on Friday arranged a farewell reception for A Rahim Khan, Commercial Counsellor, Bangladesh Embassy, The Bangladesh Ambassador, K.M. Shehabuddin was the chief guest at the reception.

Rahim Khan, who is leaving Kuwait this week, made himself popular among Bangladeshis with his polite nature. He will be remembered by his countrymen for his drive to wipe out hundi. This he did with great zeal and support from the ambassador.

The trade volume between Bangladesh and Kuwait increased several times during the tenure of Rahim Khan.

The association president Tajul Hassan is seen presenting a bouquet to Rahim Khan (second right) and Mrs Khan (right) as the ambassador (left) looks on.

## Pakistan examination

THE Federal Board of Education, Islamabad has announced that Supplementary Matriculation Examination, 1989 will commence from Sept 13, 1989, in Kuwait. Students appearing in the examination should contact the Pakistan embassy in order to collect their roll numbers and other details about the said examination.

## CINEMA

**Andalus**  
Lost Idol  
Salmiya  
Hall Reserved  
Al Hamra  
Arabic Film: Al Mushgahibah  
Fi Khatir  
Drive-In  
Arabic film: Al Mawled  
**Firdous**  
Johnny I Love You  
Fahad Open  
Khatron Ki Khiladi  
Fahad  
Black Fire  
Jahra  
Deadly Illusion  
Granada  
Shaolin Magnificent Descent  
Salaibkhat  
Salamander  
Al Juleb  
Dhami Garib  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Warriors of Fire

## PRAYERS

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| Fajr    | 4.05  |
| Zuhr    | 11.47 |
| Asr     | 3.19  |
| Maghreb | 6.07  |
| Isha    | 7.26  |

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Good Morning  
9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Daily Arabic serial - Asr Al Hob  
11.00 News in Brief  
11.15 Local serial - Al Danal  
12.05 News in Brief  
12.15 Summer clubs  
1.00 News in Brief  
1.05 World Today via Satellite  
1.30 Cartoon serial  
2.00 Songs  
2.15 Arabic serial - Al Hejra Ela Al Watan  
3.15 Religious programme  
3.35 Cartoon serial  
4.00 Cartoons  
4.30 Historical serial - Meerath Al Saneen  
5.30 Children and summer - Local programme  
6.00 Songs  
6.30 Public announcements  
7.00 World of Tomorrow - cultural programme  
7.30 Songs  
8.15 Holy Quran and Science  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Local programme - Monday Evening  
10.15 Arabic serial - Ana Wa Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Meshmesh  
11.00 Arabic Act  
11.45 News in Brief  
11.50 World Today via Satellite and Closes down

## KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: A cartoon

## series for children.

6.30 The Scheme of Things: The history of microscope development. Surgical operations carried out by utilising microscopes.  
7.00 Microcomputer chips.  
7.00 Roving Report: A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities.  
7.30 Charles-in-Charge: Charles convinces the family to accept his stupid friend to work in the house during his absence.  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Paradise: "Honour Bound." (Part II). "Ethan" continues his pursuit of "Janine's" men and keeping them away from the town of Paradise.  
9.30 227: "Babes In The Woods." While on a hike with Alexandria and her Buttercup troop, Mary and Sandra capture an escaped killer.  
10.00 Tales Of The Unexpected: "There is One Born Every Day." A man convinces his wife to purchase a plot of land, but a man alleging that he is the company's representative collects the money and runs away.  
10.30 Jack and Mike: "Cry Uncle." Mike's sister disappears immediately after her arrival with her son... A man comes later on and alleges that he is "Evan's father."  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closes down



## Sheraton awards best employees

Kuwait Sheraton Hotel recently awarded Miss Hanan Attayah with the Employee of the Month award. This recognition comes from the management for the efforts given by the employees of the hotel, and for their efficiency at work, which makes Sheraton the leading hotel in Kuwait. Picture shows from left Johan Weinzettl, Resident Manager; Miss Hanan Attayah from telephone department, and Aiet Wahba, Front Office Manager.



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### SITUATIONS

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(AT3-49060-6)

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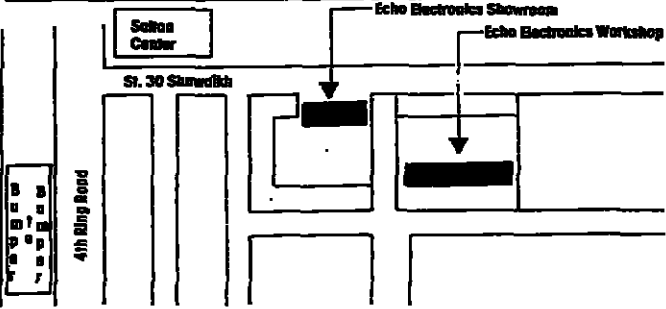
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# Vincent named acting baseball commissioner

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (AP) — Deputy Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent was appointed interim commissioner yesterday as baseball fans around the nation continued to mourn A. Bartlett Giamatti, who died of a heart attack on Friday night.

"Fay Vincent is a wonderful man," New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "We've got to get behind him."

Giamatti, 69, died on Friday after being struck at his Martha's Vineyard summer home, leaving American baseball in a state of

shock. Vincent, a former chief executive officer of Columbia Pictures, was Giamatti's deputy and a close friend. He is also considered a likely successor to the greatly respected commissioner and former president of Yale University.

Baseball's executive council held a conference call yesterday and named Vincent as acting commissioner. He will report directly to the executive council in all matters.

According to baseball rules, in the event of a vacancy a temporary commissioner may be

elected to serve for any period less than three years.

The executive council consists of American League president Bobby Brown, National League president Bill Giles, Philadelphia Phillies president Bill Giles, Houston Astros chairman John McMullen, Los Angeles Dodgers president Peter O'Malley, Pittsburgh Pirates chairman Douglas Dandorf, Detroit Tigers president Jim Campbell, Boston Red Sox chief executive officer Haywood Sullivan and Chicago White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf.

"... This is a terribly tragic day for me," Vincent told NBC network television. "I lost a great friend, I lost a partner, and it's difficult to talk about the future."

"I think I will sit down with the owners because Bart would want that, but at the moment I really don't know what the next step is. I will be happy to serve as the interim commissioner."

A search committee may be formed to consider candidates as the new commissioner.

## Methodist lose to Rice in opener

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (AP) — Southern Methodist University is alive and, just like last year, Florida State may be dead.

In season-opening play last night, Southern Methodist returned to the field after a two-year absence forced by a shush fund scandal, but lost to Rice 35-6 in a Southwest Conference game.

Elsewhere, Southern Mississippi upset sixth-ranked Florida State 30-26 while Texas A and M beat No. 7 Louisiana State 28-16. S. Mississippi 30, No. 8 Florida St 26.

An unusual penalty allowed Florida State to take a 26-24 lead as goal attempt blocked but a Southern Mississippi player was called for illegally baiting the ball. That gave the ball back to Florida State.

Texas A and M 28, No. 7 Louisiana State 16.

Larry Horton returned the opening kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown and Texas A and M scored twice in the final 2:58 to average losses to LSU in the last three openers.

No. 12 Clemson 30, Furman 0.

Clemson's strong defense led the Tigers over Furman, the defending I-AA champions. Clemson's final touchdown came when Mitch Belton blocked Bruce Leicht's punt and Tony Mauney fell on the ball in the end zone.

Chris Gardocki kicked three field goals for the Tigers.

No. 15 Oklahoma 73, New Mexico St 3.

Oklahoma, with a new coach and a freshman quarterback, scored on its first five possessions to crush New Mexico State and erase the memories of a long, harsh off-season. The Sooners are beginning a three-year NCAA probation. Five players were arrested in January and February for felonies ranging from selling drugs to shooting a teammate. And Barry Switzer resigned as coach in June.

Fullback Leon Perry scored three touchdowns and Otis Taylor returned a punt 52 yards for another TD.

No. 17 West Virginia 35, Ball St 10.

Major Harris passed for two touchdowns and tailback Garrett Ford ran for two more in West Virginia's victory.

No. 18 Arizona 19, Stanford 3.

Doug Pfaff kicked four field goals and 18th-ranked Arizona unleashed a strong ground attack and smothering defense in opening the PAC-10 season.

No. 19 BYU 24, New Mexico 3.

Cornback Brian Mitchell's 97-yard interception return on the final play of the third quarter broke open a close Western Athletic Conference game.

No. 20 Pitt 38, Pacific 3.

Curry Richards ran for 112 yards and a touchdown, leading 20th-ranked Pittsburgh over Pacific.

No. 21 Houston 69, UNLV 0.

Andre Ware threw five touchdowns in the first half and ran for a score in the third quarter. Ware completed 30 of 48 passes for 390 yards with one interception.

No. 24 N.C. St. 10, Maryland 6.

Anthony Barbour's 7-yard run late in the third quarter and North Carolina State's defense gave the Wolfpack its season-opening victory.

**Pirro triumphs**

GOTEMBA, Japan, Sept. 3 (AP) — Italian Emanuel Pirro, a Formula One driver, took the lead from the outset today and won the fifth race of the Grand Champion Series, the Fuji Inter-speed, beating pole starter Kazuyoshi Hoshino of Japan.

In a Reynard Mugen, Pirro sped 36 laps over the 4.47-kilometre (2.77-mile) Fuji International Speedway to win the 160-kilometre (100-mile) race in 56 minutes, 49.039 seconds.

His average speed was 169.9 kilometres (105.3 miles) per hour.

Hoshino drove his Lora 89 to second spot in 56:52.348.

Geoff Lees of Britain, in a Reynard Mugen, came in third in 57:05.170.

Seventeen racers started and 13 completed the race.

# Giants crush Mets

## Yankees edge Angels

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (AP) — Matt Williams hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and drove in four runs to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 6-2 victory yesterday over the New York Mets.

Williams' homer off Frank Viola, 2-4, was his 14th for the Giants. In his last 22 games, Williams has 10 home runs and 24 RBIs.

Rick Renzel, 16-6, allowed four hits over eight innings and continued the Giants' pitching mastery over the Mets. San Francisco has won four straight games against New York, yielding three runs, and is now 8-3 against the Mets with one game remaining.

Cubs 10, Braves 3.

Greg Maddux won his 16th game to remain unbeaten

lifetime against Atlanta and rookie Rick Wrona's first career homer, a three-run shot, capped a six-run first inning for Chicago.

Andre Dawson added a two-run double in the fourth inning as the Cubs snapped a two-game losing streak. Pinch-hitter Jeff Wetherby hit his first Major League homer in the Atlanta strike.

Reds 6, Pirates 2.

Tom Browning won his eighth consecutive start to remain unbeaten over the last five weeks as Cincinnati defeated Pittsburgh.

Browning, 15-10, has a 1.75 earned run average during his streak. He has not been beaten since July 25, when he dropped a 6-2 decision to San Diego to extend a losing streak to four

games. He allowed six hits in 7-3 innings, struck out five and walked one in pitching the Reds to their eighth victory in 11 games.

Cardinals 13, Astros 5.

Jose Oquendo and Terry Pendleton drove in three runs apiece as the St. Louis Cardinals broke out of a recent hitting slump with a 13-5 victory over the Houston Astros.

Padres 3, Phillies 2.

Bip Roberts hit a two-run double and Roberto Alomar followed with a run-scoring single as the San Diego Padres struck for three runs in the eighth inning to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 3-2.

Phillies starter Ken Howell, 11-10, limited the Padres to one hit through seven innings before the Padres began their comeback.

Dodgers 4, Expos 3.

Alfredo Griffin ended a 5-for-40 drought with a run-scoring single in the ninth inning, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over the Montreal Expos.

The victory went to reliever Jay Howell, 4-3, who pitched two innings of two-hit relief.

Howell, making his first appearance since his two-inning stint in the Dodgers' 22-inning, 1-0 victory over the Expos on Aug. 23, came in after starter Fernando Valenzuela was lifted for a pinch hitter in the seventh inning.

John Shelby, fighting a 2-for-19 slump since returning from the Minor Leagues on Aug. 25, had two hits, including a game-tying triple in the sixth and a leadoff triple in the ninth.

Yankees 2, Angels 1.

Mel Hall led off the ninth inning with a home run to give

New York and Greg Cadaret a 2-1 victory over California.

Cadaret, 5-4, won a battle of six-hitters over the Angels' Mike Witt, 8-12, recording a career-high nine strikeouts and issuing only three walks.

Half's homer, his 11th, came on Witt's first pitch of the ninth, sailing into the right field bleachers. It gave the Yankees three straight victories for the first time since July 4-6, and sent the Angels to their fifth loss in the last six games.

Orioles 2, White Sox 1.

Greg Olson tied an American League record for saves by a Rookie as Baltimore used five pitchers to beat Chicago and remain a game behind Toronto in the East.

Olson came on in the eighth inning to record his 23rd save, tying Doug Corbett's Rookie record with the Minnesota Twins in 1980.

Rangers 6, Royals 3.

Nolan Ryan pitched eight-hit ball over eight innings for his 28th career victory and Ruben Sierra hit a two-run homer and drove in four runs, leading the Texas Rangers over the Kansas City Royals 6-3.

Ryan, 15-9, struck out 11 to raise his Major League-leading strikeout total to 254.

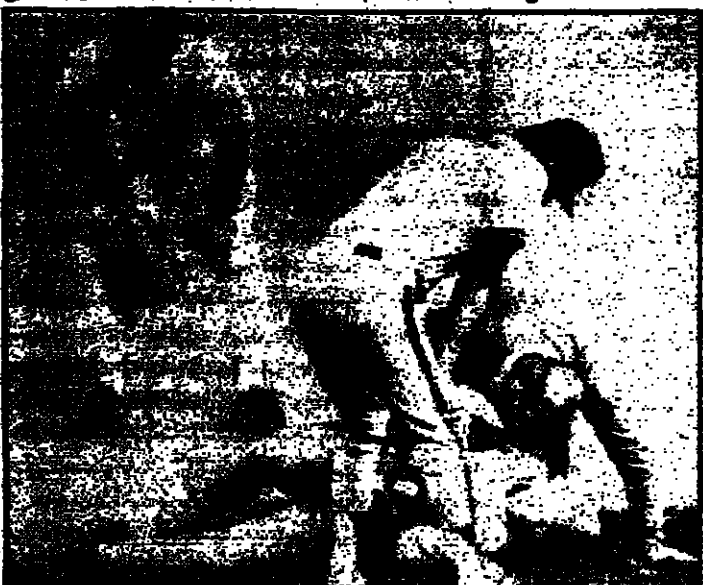
**Results**

American League

Boston 6, Seattle 5  
Toronto 4, Minnesota 2  
Detroit 10, Cleveland 4  
Baltimore 6, Chicago 1  
New York 2, California 1  
Oakland 7, Milwaukee 2  
Texas 6, Kansas City 3

National League

San Francisco 6, New York 2  
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 3  
Chicago 10, Atlanta 3  
St. Louis 13, Houston 5  
Los Angeles 4, Montreal 3  
San Diego 3, Philadelphia 2



Angels' Wally Joyner grimaces in pain as he lies on the ground after tripping over Yankees' pitcher Greg Cadaret. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Norman takes 4-shot lead

FRANKLIN, Wis., Sept. 3 (Reuter) — Australian Greg Norman birdied four out of the first six holes on his way to a six-under-par 66 and a four-stroke lead after three rounds at the Greater Milwaukee Open golf tournament yesterday.

Bob Lohr, who tied Norman for the best round of the day, and fellow Americans P.H. Horgan III, and Wayne Levi are tied for second.

Norman notched birdies on the first, second, fourth, sixth, 12th, and 13th holes for his 66. His longest putt of the day for birdie was 12 feet. The 7,030-yard, par 72 Tuckaway Country Club course only had 10 rounds over par for the third round.

Norman, who held the lead alone after the first round, and was tied with compatriot Wayne Grady and American Mark Lye after two rounds, is still not satisfied with the lead.

"No lead is big enough out here, you still have to go out and try to make five or six birdies every day," Norman said.

Levi is convinced that Norman will pick up his second Tour victory of the year this week.

"I really don't know if you can beat Greg Norman," said Levi. "He can outdrive all of the trouble on this course, and if he does not come back here every year, he is really missing out on some easy money."

Levi was well on the way to having a spectacular round, and at one point was one stroke in back of the leader, when he suffered a double bogey five on the 14th hole.



Greg Norman

# Gerring moves clear of pack

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 3 (Reuter) — Cathy Gerring led off her round with a bogey but fired back with three consecutive birdies on the way to a four-under-par 68 and a one-stroke lead over six other women at the Springfield Charity Classic golf tournament yesterday.

Gerring had eight pairs and an eagle on her second nine holes. She hit a pitching wedge 98 yards into the hole.

"I'm very pleased with my

round today," Gerring said. "I haven't played here in two years and the course looks great. I was starting to get upset out there—I was leaving a lot of putts short. I just wasn't aggressive enough on the greens. I didn't drive the ball that well today but it was never bad enough to get me in trouble."

Alice Kitzman, Beth Daniel, Shirley Furlong, Cindy Rarick, Connie Chillemi and Kris Tschetter were the six locked a stroke off the pace.

"I started out a little slow," said Daniel, who had five birdies and two bogeys in her round. "I didn't feel like I was hitting the ball real solid until I got on the final five or six holes."

Shirley Furlong had a bogeyless round of golf with three birdies on the front nine for her 69.

"It was a really solid round I played today," Furlong said. "I worked hard to make some birdies coming in but they just didn't happen."

# Hungarians dominate pentathlon

BUDAPEST, Sept. 3 (Reuter) — Hungary won both the individual and the team titles in the World Modern Pentathlon Championships after the final event, riding, yesterday.

Laszlo Fabian lifted the world title from defending champion Joel Bouzou of France and the Hungarian team took the overall event. Bouzou had to settle for 10th place.

Fabian ended on 5,654 points ahead of team-mate Attila Miszer with 5,616 and Czechoslovakia's Petr Blazek with 5,615.

"I've been wanting to be a world champion since my father took me to the swimming pool at the age of six," the 26-year-old Hungarian national epee champion said afterwards.

"It's taken a long time but on this occasion I wasn't going to let anyone stand in my way."

Clocking an overall 16,561 points the Hungarian team, completed by Janos Martiner, beat the Soviet Union (16,388) and Czechoslovakia (15,986).



Soleimani presses down Baumgartner during their bout. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Soleimani upsets Baumgartner

MARTIGNY, Switzerland, Sept. 3 (AP) — Olympic champion Ken Monday of the United States beat Soviet ace Arsen Fadzaev to win the gold medal in the 74-kilo (163-pound) category at the World Freestyle Wrestling Championships yesterday.

Monday, a 27-year-old from Oklahoma scored a 6-1 points victory over Fadzaev, who moved up a weight category this season after winning world and Olympic titles at 68 kilos (149.5 pounds) in 1987 and 1988.

"I gave it my all, but I could have wrestled better in the first couple of minutes," Monday said.

Including Fadzaev's silver, the Soviets picked up one medal in each of the five categories contested yesterday. Next came US wrestlers with three medals while Iran and West Germany picked up two each.

In the 130-kilo (286-pound) title match, unheralded Ali Reza Soleimani of Iran upset Olympic silver medalist Bruce Baumgartner of the United States in the day's most exciting encounter.

Soleimani came from behind to tie the score with

10 seconds left in the match. In overtime, he threw Baumgartner, the world's top-ranked heavyweight freestyler, to win 5-4.

"Baumgartner wrestled well but he was under his opponent too long and had to expend a lot of energy," US head coach Bobby Douglas said.

Akhmed Atavov, ranked eighth in the world, led from start to finish in the 100-kilo (220-pound) final to upset Olympic bronze medalist Bill Scherr of the United States 8-5. Scherr failed to recover from an early six-point deficit.

"I wrestled hard but I didn't necessarily wrestle smart," said Scherr, a 28-year-old Indiana University graduate student.

Boris Bodvaev of the Soviet Union succeeded Fadzaev as world champion at 68 kilos (149.5 pounds) with a 8-3 victory over Kosei Akaishi of Japan.

In the 52-kilo (114.5-pound) category, Valentin Yordanov of Bulgaria defended his title by defeating Vladimir Tagovzov of the Soviet Union.

# Millar in top spot

CARDIFF, Wales, Sept. 3 (AP) — Mauro Gianetti of Switzerland and Briton Robert Millar broke away from the pack to dominate yesterday's fourth stage of the Tour of Britain and take the overall lead in the cycling race that was to end today in London.

Gianetti, who rides for the Helvetia team, won the 224-kilometre (141-mile) stage from Birmingham, England, to Cardiff in 5 hours, 46 minutes, 33 seconds.

Millar, a member of the Z-Peugeot squad, finished second in the same time as Gianetti, while the main pack was more

than five minutes behind.

The second-place finish pushed Millar into the overall race lead with a time of 18 hours, 19 minutes, 59 seconds. Gianetti is second, eight seconds behind, while Martin Earley of Ireland—who led the race entering yesterday's stage—is more than 4-1/2 minutes behind in third place.

Canadian Brian Walton, who entered the day in seventh place and was expected to threaten for the lead because of his proficiency at the mountain climbs included in yesterday's stage, dropped out because of illness.

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# Tyson enters ring to help fight drugs

CLEVELAND, Sept. 3 (AP) — Undefeated and undisputed world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson entered the ring against a tough opponent yesterday — drug abuse.

In an exhibition appearance to promote his "TKO on drugs" campaign, Tyson sparred with local television and radio personalities and met thousands of his admirers at an inner-city school.

The event also promoted voter registration.

"You've got to vote," Tyson said in an interview at the event. "That's the way to tell the government what you want."

Tyson said the nation's war on drugs is important, but that he doesn't intend to fight it alone.

"It's not up to entertainers or athletes to stop it. This is just a start. It's up to our government to develop the programmes to stop it. I can just tell kids not to use drugs."

The event, sponsored by the city of Cleveland and the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, attracted a near-capacity crowd of about 10,000 to the John Adams High School football stadium. Admittance was free.

Boxing promoter Don King, who promotes Tyson's fights and trains him at a boxing camp near Cleveland, said the champ's appearance gives kids "a credible, believable role model. He is a living example that you can make it out of the drug-infested ghetto without drugs."

"He is a symbol, a hero, but just saying no he is not enough. We need programmes to keep kids off drugs."

Cleveland City Council president George Forbes, a candidate for mayor, said Tyson should be commended for volunteering his time and the publicity value of an appearance.

"How many people ever get to see the heavyweight champion of the world? If we can stop one kid from getting on crack today, it'll be worth more than a half million dollars," Forbes said.

Forbes said widespread drug abuse is the crucial issue of the city's mayoral campaign and the No. 1 issue in the country.

Tyson did not spar with professional fighters, as had been anticipated based on publicity prior to the appearance.



Springboks triumph

English prop forward Jeff Probyn (centre) shrugs off a tackle from South African Springbok full back Jeff Heunis (left) and fly-half Naas Botha during the South Africa-International XV match on Saturday in Johannesburg. The Springboks won the match 22-16. (Reuter wirephoto).

# Warwickshire stun Middlesex in final

## Underdogs clinch NatWest Trophy

LONDON, Sept. 3 (Reuter) — Neil Smith capped the most memorable week of his cricketing life by smashing underdogs Warwickshire to a thrilling win over Middlesex in the final of the NatWest Trophy one-day final at Lord's yesterday.

With 10 runs needed from the final over, the 22-year-old son of former England captain M.J.K. Smith set up victory by clubbing an enormous six over long-on from the second ball.

His batting partner Asif Din had taken a single from the first ball and when seamer Simon Hughes sent down a legside wide, two runs were needed from the last three deliveries.

Smith, who on Friday had scored his maiden first-class century with 161 against Yorkshire, required only one of them, hitting the ball straight back past Hughes' despairing dive to clinch



Dermot Reeve

a four-wicket win for Warwickshire with two balls remaining. It took Warwickshire to 211 for six in reply to the 210 for five made by Middlesex after captain



Paul Downton

Mike Gatting had won the toss and elected to bat. Scoring was never easy on the slow-paced Lord's pitch and Middlesex were unable to get on

top of the determined Warwickshire bowlers.

They became bogged down after West Indian opener Desmond Haynes was dismissed for 50, the only half-century of the match, and it took an unbroken stand of 62 in the last 10 overs between Paul Downton (43 not out) and John Embury (21 not out) to push them to a reasonable total.

Gatting, target before the match of anti-apartheid demonstrators outside the ground because of his plan to lead a rebel tour to South Africa, made only one before getting an inside edge onto his stumps.

Warwickshire's batsmen found it no easier against the vaunted Middlesex attack and when seamer Angus Fraser took two wicket for only five runs in 16 balls they struggled well below the required run rate.

Their final victory charge was set up by Mervyn Reeve with a highly responsible 42 before being needlessly run out backing up too far. Reeve, who also took one for 27 in his 12 overs, was rewarded with the Man of the Match award.

Warwickshire captain Andy Lloyd said it was only Smith's century the day before that gained him the place in the team.

"I wasn't told until half past nine this morning that I was actually playing," Smith said. "When I went out, Andy just told me to get out there and win it. As soon as I hit that ball from Hughes I knew it was going to be six and it was pretty straightforward after that."

It was 21 years since Warwickshire had last won the trophy, then known as the Gillette Cup, and their first success of any kind since 1980 when they were top of the Sunday League.

# Aussies blast Dutch

THE HAUGE, Sept. 3 (Reuter) — Opener David Boon scored 82 in the rain to help Australia to a comfortable 57-run victory in a one-day game against the Netherlands yesterday.

Boon and Steve Waugh, who included three sixes in his 34, put on 52 for the fifth wicket and Australia eventually reached 213 for nine off their 50 overs.

The early rain gave way to sun after lunch, but there few bright moments for the Dutch who lost a wicket in the second over and struggled on the matting surface from then on.

At 98 for six and 126 for nine the writing was on the wall. Last man Paul-Jan Bakker gave a little more respectability to the score, hitting Dean Jones for 19 in one over on his way to an unbeaten 20 out of a Dutch total of 156 for nine.

Tim Zoehrer took three for 33 off 10 overs while Jones, more noted as a batsman, finished with two for 39 off nine overs.

# Dutchman wins first leg

L'HOSPITALET DE LLOBREGAT, Spain, Sept. 3 (AP) — Dutch rider Mathius Hermans beat the pack in a final sprint to win the first leg of the 69th Tour of Catalonia cycling race yesterday.

Hermans, riding for the Paterina team, took 3:28:55 to cover the 146.2-kilometre (90.6-mile) leg which started and ended in this Barcelona suburb.

He out-sprinted countryman

Jean Paul van Poppel and Camillo Passera of Italy, who finished second and third with times identical to Hermans.



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Palestine Cup

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Sept. 3. (AP): Saudi Arabia, the favourites to win the third Palestine Soccer Cup under 19 tournament, clinched their first victory yesterday, defeating Kuwait 2-0. They scored both goals in the first half of the game in the northern city of Kirkuk. In Mosul, also in northern Iraq, South Yemen beat Tunisia, 3-1 in a Group 4 match, while in Baghdad, Oman beat Palestine 1-0 and the United Arab Emirates, tied with Qatar 1-1 in the Group 2 games.

## Bridge

Results of the Hubara Bridge Club game played on Saturday:  
N/S  
1. Aurora & Gajjar; 2. Nabil Akel & S.R. Chaudhry; 3. Mrs Bianca Nussali & Tawil Ahmed  
E/W  
1. Mr & Mrs Sapre; 2. Capt Salman Ali & George; 3. Saad Sulaiman & John Buckley

## Talent lesson

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Sept. 3. (AP): Brazil's national soccer team was going to "teach Chile a lesson about talent" during today's showdown that will decide which team goes to the 1990 World Cup finals, coach Sebastiao Lazaroni promised yesterday.

## Swindon win

LONDON, Sept. 3. (Reuters): Swindon beat Wolverhampton 3-1 (half-time 2-0) in an English Division Two soccer match played today.

## Dutch soccer

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 3. (Reuters): Soccer matches played yesterday:  
PSV Eindhoven 1-0 VVV Den Bosch  
FC Twente 2-0 Ajax Amsterdam  
Vitesse 2-0 Feyenoord

## Cycle race

PADUA, Italy, Sept. 3. (UPI): Roberto Pagnin of Italy won the Tour of the Veneto cycle race yesterday in 5 hours 53 minutes over a 230-kilometre course at an average speed of 38.842 kph. In second place was Maurizio Fondriest, at 1 minute 40 seconds behind.

## Cricket tourney

THE Gold Star Cricket Trophy is scheduled to start on Sept. 22 at the Blue Tower Grounds. A meeting in this connection will be held on Thursday Sept. 7, 89 at Najmat Al Khalij restaurant at 8 pm. All interested team representatives should attend the meeting. Contact Abbas Ali Mughall. Tel: 2463838.

## Formula One

ROME, Sept. 3. (UPI): Italian sports newspapers today fanned speculation that two-time Formula One world champion Alain Prost would drive for Ferrari next season, though team officials said negotiations were not complete.

## Soccer star

WARSAW, Sept. 3. (Reuters): Poland yesterday mourned one of its greatest soccer heroes, Kazimierz Deyna, who was killed on Friday night in a car crash in the United States. The main television news read a biography of Deyna's career, calling him one of the best Polish players of all time.

## Italian soccer

ROME, Sept. 3. (Reuters): Results of Italian First Division soccer matches today:  
Bologna 2 Interni 2  
Cremone 1 Cesena 2  
Fiorentina 0 Genoa 0  
Verona 1 Juventus 4  
Lecce 2 Atalanta 1  
AC Milan 0 Lazio 0  
Napoli 1 Udinese 0  
Roma 0 Ascoli 0  
Sampdoria 0 Bari 0

## Year's best

RIETI, Italy, Sept. 3. (Reuters): Somalia's Abdi Bile ran the fastest 1,500 metres of the year at the Rieti International Athletics meeting today but failed to smash Moroccan Said Aouita's world record.

## Karpov and Kasparov tie for first position

SKELLEFTEA, Sweden, Sept. 3. (AP): Anatoly Karpov, the former world chess champion, won his adjourned last round game against Sweden's Ulf Andersson in the final leg of the chess World Cup today and finished tied for first place with world champion Garry Kasparov.

Karpov and Kasparov, both Soviets,

each scored nine and a half points out of 15. Lajos Portisch of Hungary, Yasser Seirawan of the United States and British Grandmaster Nigel Short shared third place in the 16-man competition with eight and a half points.

Last Tuesday, Kasparov secured the \$100,000 first prize in the World Cup, a

Grand Prix of six tournaments featuring the leading 25 grandmasters and regarded as the second most important chess event after the world championship cycle.

But Karpov's share of first place here, in the third strongest tournament ever held, is regarded by experts as an important victory for the 38-year-old, who held the world title

for 10 years before losing his crown to Kasparov in November 1985.

"I am very glad of course. I am very pleased I could get such result," Karpov said. "This is the 75th competition I've won in my life."

Karpov had adjourned his 15th round game last night with a crushing advantage

over Andersson in an endgame. When play resumed this morning, it took only eight moves before the Swede gave up.

Kasparov, 26, and Karpov have each won \$17,500 for their tie in the tournament.

Karpov will receive \$75,000 for coming in second in the World Cup.

The final leg of the series, staged in this

northern Swedish city about 200 miles (300 kilometres) south of the Arctic circle, is the only scheduled meeting between Kasparov and Karpov this year.

"After this tournament, I think the long running psychological battle between the two K's stands about equal," said Leoncio Garcia, a Spanish chess commentator.

## Agassi and Mayotte reach 4th round

## Noah refuses to shake Mansdorf's hand

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (Reuters): American seeds, number-six Andre Agassi and number-nine Tim Mayotte cruised into the fourth round of the US Open last night.

A semifinalist last year, Agassi overwhelmed American qualifier Phillip Johnson 6-1 7-5 6-2 in less than two hours on the National Tennis Centre stadium court.

"I felt in control of the whole match," said Agassi, who won the opening three games with his backcourt prowess.

Mayotte, matching his best US Open records, reached the last 16 for the third time, beating Haiti's Ronald Agenor 6-1 7-6 6-3.

Agassi and Mayotte complete the field of the final 16 men left in the \$5.1 million Grand Slam tournament. Eight Americans, the most since 1983, are still in the tournament, including Jimmy Connors, Michael Chang and Jim Grabb.



Lendl serves to Courier. (Reuters wirephoto)



Graf hits a forehand to Phelps. (Reuters wirephoto)

Top-seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia had no trouble with American Jim Courier as he breezed to a 6-1 6-2 6-3 triumph.

"I could play the entire tournament at the level I was playing today I would be very pleased," said Lendl, who won the Australian Open earlier this year.

Sweden's Stefan Edberg, seeded third here and the runner-up at both Wimbledon and the French Open this year, zoomed through Czechoslovakian Milan Srejber 6-2 1-6 6-6 6-1.

On the women's side, defending champion and top-seeded Steffi Graf of West Germany and last year's runner-up, third-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, continued on course for a semifinal clash with resounding third-round victories.

Graf took just 38 minutes to dispatch unseeded American Terry Phelps 6-1 6-1. Graf, the current Australian Open and Wimbledon champion, has yielded just eight games so far.

Unseeded South African Rosalyn Fairbank, who stopped Andrea Temesvari of Hungary in

three sets, is Graf's next opponent.

Sabatini eased by 35th-ranked Soviet Leila Meskhi, with a 6-3 6-0 rout.

Mayotte dominated early, winning nine of the first 10 games. But, leading 3-0 in the second set, he sputtered briefly, allowing Agenor to scratch his way back into contention.

"I was cruising up a set and 3-0 and it is so easy to lose your rhythm when you are winning so easily," said Mayotte, who regained control by taking the tiebreak 7-5. "After I won that I was in good shape."

Connors, seeded 13th, celebrated his birthday with a rousing 6-1 4-6 6-2 6-0 third-round victory over Ecuador's Andres Gomez. But Connors, 37, was hit with severe leg cramps on the final two sets of the two-and-a-half-hour match.

One of the doctors who worked over Connors for two hours after his victory said Connors might be sore, but otherwise ready to play on Monday when he hopes to keep his 20th con-



Connors lunges to return a ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

secutive US Open campaign alive against Edberg.

French Open champion Chang advanced on the strength of his precision baseline game as the seventh-seeded downed South African Pieter Aldrich 6-0 7-6 6-4.

"Last year if I got to the round of 16 I felt I really accomplished something in the tournament," said Chang, who lost to Agassi in last year's fourth round. "Now I feel I want to do more and not to be satisfied with the round of 16."

Chang will play Mayotte in the next round. Mayotte beat Chang in the fourth round at Wimbledon.

Rounding out the trio of previous Grand Slam winners this year is Wimbledon champion and second seeded Boris Becker, who returned to action today when the West German last challenged by unseeded Swede Mikael Pernfors.

In a match that was halted Friday night by rain after the third set, Pernfors finished off his upset of 15th-seeded Carl-Uwe

Steeb of West Germany 7-5 4-6 7-5 6-4 in the afternoon.

It was win one, lose one for the Sanchez siblings, Emilio, 24, and sister Arantxa, 17.

Arantxa, the reigning French Open champion seeded sixth here, rallied from a 1-3 final set deficit to down 54th-ranked Sandra Wasserman of Belgium 6-1 2-6 6-4. She will next play unseeded Austrian Barbara Paulus.

A few hours later, the unseeded Grabb beat the 12th-seeded Emilio 4-6 6-3 7-6 6-4.

Yannick Noah's dramatic comeback in beating Israeli Amos Mansdorf was nearly overshadowed by a chorus of boos when the fiery Frenchman refused to shake his opponent's hand.

Noah responded to the chorus by blowing kisses to the National Tennis Centre stadium crowd.

Noah said he had refused to shake hands because Mansdorf had insulted his family earlier by telling them to stop cheering so loudly for Noah in his third-round match against Mansdorf.

"I told him I don't want to

shake hands with somebody who insults my family," said Noah, who came back from a two-set deficit and a rain-suspension on Friday to beat Mansdorf 3-6 3-6 7-6 7-5 6-2.

"His family, his sister were intimidating me on purpose," Mansdorf said. "Everytime I missed a first serve someone would say 'yes' and they were shouting for Yannick."

Noah's mother Marie-Claire, younger sister Isabelle and American girlfriend Erica Wollweber were seated in a court-side box near the baseline.

"Sometimes you make a mistake and people clap," Noah said. "Last night he went to my family and told them to ('expletive') off. I don't see any reason to say ('expletive') off to anybody's family."

Noah also claimed that during Friday night's play, Mansdorf purposely attempted to hit him with shots aimed at sensitive body parts.



Agassi hits a backhand return. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Karppinen eyes third world title at age 36

BLEED, Yugoslavia, Sept. 3. (Reuters): Pertti Karppinen of Finland hopes to prove that a man in his mid-30's can still dominate one of sport's most physically punishing events when he takes part in the World Rowing Championships starting here tomorrow.

Karppinen, 36, a reserved and mysterious man, will approach the single sculls event with the enthusiasm of a teenager as he bids for a third world title in the absence of his major rival of the last decade Peter-Michael Kolbe of West Germany.

Kolbe, 36, has retired. Karppinen, who has spent most of his life rowing alone on a lake near his Finnish home, has cast aside the disappointment of his performance at last year's Seoul Olympics where he crashed out in the semifinals.

The reclusive Finn will enter the blue riband single sculls, the toughest event in rowing, with high hopes of victory. If he triumphs, he may consider competing at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics when he will be close to 40.

"That race in Seoul has been analysed and we have learned from it," he said. "Now we don't want to talk about it any more."

Karppinen began a battle with Kolbe for the top spot in single sculling in 1976. But the West German, worried that age was finally catching up with him, retired after finishing second in Seoul behind sculling's new star Thomas Lange of East Germany.

Four times world champion Kolbe, now manager of the West German team, has taken a cosy seat in the cafe terraces along the picturesque Bleed Lake as his erstwhile Finnish rival prepares to take on Lange alone over a 2,000-metre course.

Lange, 25, is favourite to retain the title he surprisingly won for the first time in 1987 in Copenhagen, but his battle with Karppinen is likely to be one of the highlights of a seven-day regatta which promises several other fascinating rematches from Seoul.

Briton Steve Redgrave, who with partner Andy Holmes just failed in a bid for a unique double Olympic gold in the men's coxless and coxed pairs, renews his rivalry with Italy's squabbling rowing brothers, the Abbagnales.

After splitting with Holmes after the Olympics, Redgrave teams up with new partner Simon Berrisford for another try at an elusive first double.

It will be a difficult task, however, as Olympic champions Carmine and Giuseppe Abbagnale remain firm favourites to take the coxed event.

The Eastern bloc countries are expected to continue their domination of the women's events.

But East Germany will do well to match their performance in Seoul when they took five of the six titles.

## Futre shines for Atletico Madrid

## Barcelona lose in season opener

MADRID, Sept. 3. (Reuters): Star-studded Barcelona, outrun and outplayed by Real Valladolid, crashed to a 2-0 defeat in their opening Spanish League match yesterday.

Coach Johan Cruyff's big guns — new international signings Ronald Koeman and Michael Ludrup — failed to fire as Valladolid's resourceful strikers overwhelmed the Catalans.

Yugoslav striker Janko Jankovic put Valladolid ahead in the 17th minute, taking advantage of a slip by Brazilian defender Aloisio Pires and shaking off Ricardo Serna to fire the ball past international goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta.

Libero Koeman, uncomfortable on the right flank, never found a settled rhythm with fellow backs Serna and Aloisio and left Bar-

celona looking fragile as Valladolid dictated the course of play.

Striker Gregorio Fonseca scored the second, tearing through the centre of the defence to blast home after 67 minutes.

"They won through their commitment and aggression," a disappointed Cruyff said.

English coach Howard Kendall's Athletic Bilbao won their Basque derby against Real Sociedad of San Sebastian. Ander Gritano slotting home a 28th-minute penalty after Loren Juarrros was fouled.

Athletic then brought down the shutters, Sociedad striker Juan Goicoechea bungling their best chance to draw level when he put a penalty wide in the 59th minute.

Portuguese striker Paulo Futre earned Atletico Madrid a 1-1 away win over Valencia

with a dazzling display of individual skills.

Allowing the Valencia defence no respite with his blistering runs along the right wing, Futre blasted Atletico ahead in the 29th minute with a 30-metre drive, and capped his display with a jinking dribble through the penalty area to slot the second 18 minutes into the second half.

Fernando Gomez pulled one back for Valencia with a penalty in the 86th minute but Atletico's international striker Manolo Sanchez dealt the death blow in injury time with a rapid counter-attack.

League champions Real Madrid were to begin their campaign to retain the title for a fifth year in a row this evening with a match at home to Sporting de Gijon.

## Yugoslavs to compete in next America's Cup

BELGRADE, Sept. 3. (Reuters): Yugoslavia is to enter the next America's Cup with a 23-metre monohull boat, a member of a newly-created yachting syndicate said today.

Bojan Butolen, a founder of the Yugoslavia America's Cup Organisation Maribor (Yacom), said they would enter the next event wherever it was held.

"Like everybody else we are waiting for the final court decision over the venue of the next Cup," said Butolen. "But we'll participate — be it in Auckland or in San Diego."

Yacom, founded by four marine engineers, Butolen, Stanislav Kovacevic, Josip Tavarac and Ljubo Versic, is based in the north Yugoslav town of Maribor in the country's most developed republic of Slovenia.

Yacom, launched in April, has paid \$25,000 to be registered for the next America's Cup and plans to raise \$3 million to complete the boat and a further \$10 million for a preparation programme.

The boat, built and designed in Yugoslavia, will be made of reinforced fibreglass. It will be 5.5 metres wide with a mast 32 metres high. In racing trim it will have a 16-member crew.

The founders of Yacom plan to build 50 similar maxi-yachts and put them on the market before the end of 1991.

The other financial sources for the project include a state-wide lottery and sponsorship contracts outside Yugoslavia.

## Maradona returning to Italy: Argentine media

## Italian senate debate focuses on soccer star



Maradona: due in Napoli two weeks ago

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 3. (Agencies) Diego Maradona, who has recently cancelled flight bookings and stormed off a Europe-bound plane, will return to Italy, an Argentine private news agency said yesterday.

"I'm leaving tomorrow (on Sunday) because I couldn't get on today's (Saturday's) flight," the 28-year-old Argentine World Cup star, who was due to report back to his Italian Napoli club more than two weeks ago, told the Noticias Argentinas news agency.

Private radio station Radio Mitre said Maradona would fly to Madrid on an Aerolineas Argentina flight today.

Maradona said he could not explain a melee he was involved in with reporters on Friday at Ezeiza airport.

"It was all very strange...I can't believe the things that happened (on Friday). I hope when I leave everyone will be less nervous," Maradona said according to Noticias Argentinas.

Shortly before storming off the plane on Friday Maradona had suggested he would quit soccer if he did not settle his row with Napoli. Later he jumped off a car to insult a television crew.

UEFA Cup holders Napoli, which were forced to start the

new Italian season without Maradona, have filed a claim for damages and moved to cancel a publicity contract following Maradona's failure to report back, Italian judicial officials said.

Maradona was due back in Naples on August 3 but the club agreed to extend his leave by two weeks.

In a recent Italian television interview Maradona said he was going to "throw" his contract at Napoli's president, Corrado Ferlanio, when he returned to Italy.

Napoli, however, made clear yesterday it had no intention of letting Maradona play for another soccer club.

"Maradona will play either for us or for no-one," Napoli general manager Luciano Moggi told Italian television.

Moggi said he did not wish to comment further on the affair.

"Too much has been said already. Our position is well known. We are waiting for Maradona in Naples," he said.

French champions Marseille, whose unsuccessful bid last June for Maradona is thought to have sparked the gifted striker's row with Napoli, said last week they were still interested in signing him.

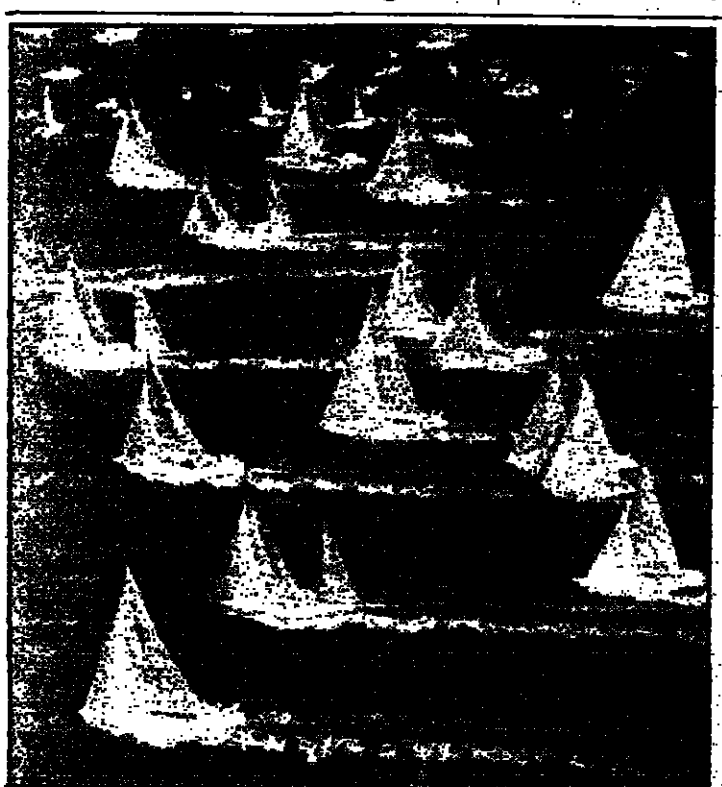
But Napoli appear determined to punish Maradona, Italy's highest-paid athlete, by refusing to negotiate any transfer.

Meanwhile Italian senate debate focused on the Maradona affair yesterday as a parliamentary called facetiously for a diplomatic demarche with Argentine authorities to bring the errant Latin soccer star back to his Naples team.

If this didn't work, Senator Pietro Pizzo said, then the United Nations should be brought in. He also proposed Italy dispatch a special jetliner to Buenos Aires to pick up the Napoli team captain.

In parliamentary question time Pizzo demanded of Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti and Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis whether "it would not be opportune, for example, to request the Argentine government to try to see that Maradona returns."

Explained Pizzo, of Marsala, "I consider Maradona an absolute technical rarity, certainly a soccer player who increases the rate of spectacularity," of national championship play. Thus, Pizzo concluded, "I hope that this passionate soap opera will be resolved to the joy of the Neapolitans."



## Round-the-world race

Participants set sail on Saturday on a 33,000-mile round-the-world yacht race. Twenty-five yachts made up the brightly coloured fleet and was watched by some 2,000 vessels as the yachts left Southampton, England. The first legs of the race finishes in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in mid-October. (Reuters wirephoto)

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